

Bridgewater Township
Special Board Meeting
January 6, 2006

Present: Carver, Faust, Parr and Sheth
Absent: Pike
Present: 34

Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by the Supervisor with the pledge of allegiance. Supervisor acknowledged that the special meeting notice was posted at the Township Hall on January 2, 2005 according to Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended (the Open Meetings Act.) The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Supervisor's recommendation /appointment to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor announced that Shelly Pike will be available by phone later in the meeting. Board reviewed agenda

MOTION: Moved by Parr, seconded by Faust to table the minutes from the December 21, 2005 meeting until the next meeting. Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Numerous comments were made in support of Jim Fish for Planning Commission.

Supervisor read a letter from Treasurer Pike

Supervisor called Shelly Pike and she was placed on speaker phone

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Attorney Lucas clarified that the Planning Commission Members should be members of the major interests as they exist in the Township, Agriculture, Recreation, Public Health, Education and others according to the Planning Commission Act. The only legal Qualification is that it's members must be Qualified Electors and property owners.

Various experiences are up to each Board member to decide for themselves. Attorney Lucas also clarified that neither Board or Supervisor may act independently of each other. Supervisor must appoint and can not without Board approval. And Board cannot approve without Supervisors appointment.

Lucas believes that the Board needs to move together to bring resolution of this issue.

Each Board member discussed their position on this appointment.

Board discussed if they needed to rescind the previous appointment of Gary Weidmayer to the PC. Attorney Lucas clarified that he didn't think that was necessary because the Board's action was invalid.

Supervisor asked for a motion to appoint Jim Fish to the Planning Commission for the term January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

MOTION: Moved by Pike. No support was given.

Supervisor asked for phone calls from interested parties to serve on the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Moved by Sheth, seconded by Parr to adjourn. Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia J. Carver
Bridgewater Township Clerk

