

March 12, 2007
Bridgewater Twp Planning Commission
Minutes and Regular Meeting and Public Hearing
Call to Order 7:30PM

Role Call: Mike Bisco; Glenn Burkhardt; Deb Corwin; David Faust; Mark Iwanicki;
Randy Klager; John Porter

Also Present: David Hubscher; Gary Corwin; Amy Riley; Gary Weidmayer; Aaron Enzer; Andrew Espenshade; Mark Queen; Brenda Queen; Cindy Burkhardt; Judy Jacovetty; Chip Tokar; David Bopp

Review the Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Burkhardt, seconded by Faust. Unanimously passed.

Review the Minutes; January 8, 2007

Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Faust, seconded by Porter. Passed unanimously.

Review the Minutes; February 12, 2007

Motion by Burkhardt, seconded by Faust to hold over until March due to corrections. Written draft attached. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments; Nearby property owners of Aaron Enzer stated the negative impact on their lives because of explosives in the area. Some expressed fear of for children being allowed to hike, play paint ball or play in their backyards. One neighbor felt she had no peace of mind living next to explosives as she views the bunkers every day. Another neighbor presented a signed paper by Bill Scully, Manchester Fire Chief, stating he had not been notified of the storing or manufacturing of fireworks. Other concerns brought up were lack of warning signs on bunkers, parking, safety and decreased property values. Numerous photographs from neighboring properties were shown. Deer blinds, children playing and a paint ball area could be seen near the bunker.

Enzer Special Land Use; address 13001 e. Austin Rd. Manchester, mi. 48158

Bisco excuses himself

Burkhardt spoke on a series of reports on the evaluation of potential effects of fireworks. These were tested under specific conditions. Some behaved as they were expected but some demonstrated more damage. A lesser filled container of explosives does not mean it will be less of a hazard.

This property is zoned agricultural. As is all surrounding property. Our ordinance reads no manufacturing is only permitted on Light Industrial zoned property. No portable structures are allowed except for temporary construction trailers. Two accessory buildings totaling a maximum of 3,600 square feet and 2 accessory buildings each less

than 100 square feet are permitted on property zoned agricultural. No on-site retail is allowed.

Porter felt the planning commission has to insure all ordinances are conformed to. Members have to insure all ordinances are conformed to, building size and set backs. He expressed fear in manufacturing.

Burkhardt felt safety is foremost concern. People should be allowed to enjoy their property,

Iwanicki felt we need to look at where this fits in Agriculture. Other special land use permits have been things the community needed. Honestly doesn't see where this fits in Agriculture.

Faust felt as people paid for their land, pay taxes on it, they should allowed to do it safely,. He can not agree with the whole concept.

Corwin felt the ramifications of approving this, as it did not go through proper channels, could be a problem in future permits.

Klager felt if there was more acreage would be better as the lot is narrow. He expressed conditions are needed.

Burkhardt felt we needed additional facts of fireworks and the way they act.

Motion to lay over to March for additional finding of fact by Porter seconded by Corwin. Passed unanimously.

Bridgewater Farms; no information

T-Mobile; no information

LIAA-SWWCOG;Burhardt discussed the single Master Plan and the Combined Master Plan. It would give us full time expertise and more resources and opportunities.

Consolidations will be important to the future on which direction is to be taken. We would follow one set of ordinances and zoning rules. Density would also be combined. We would be saving by consolidation.

Budget; Bisco explained changes to the budget.

By-Laws and procedures; Porter questioned minimum requirement for minutes.

Burkhardt explained we need to be specific on the motions and facts. Bisco stated it is to show the reason a conclusion was formed, based on fact. Questions concerning minutes being word for word is addressed in the By-Laws.

Other Business; Notification of an available class. Klager questioned the duties of Carl.

Public Comments; Enzer stated he had addressed storage of fireworks in writing to the Fire Chief verbally and in writing. In 2001 he applied to store and display fireworks in the township, Carol Peacock gave it back to him saying he did not need it. When Tonya Kersey was supervisor she gave verbal permission to go ahead, keep doing what you're doing, keep a low profile. Neel Sheth brought it in front of the board after numerous discussions. He stated he has 2 signs, hazard 1.3g placard, in the drive. The ATF inspects

him every year and contacts the township. He said there has been no response from the township. His long term goals are to find a larger property and prepare fireworks.

Adjourn: Motion by Burkhardt seconded by Faust. Passed unanimously.

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