

MACOMB TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS
54111 BROUGHTON ROAD
MACOMB, MI 48042

PRESENT: EDWARD GALLAGHER, CHAIRMAN
DEAN AUSILIO, VICE CHAIRMAN
MICHAEL D. KOEHS, SECRETARY
CHARLES OLIVER, MEMBER
TONY POPOVSKI, MEMBER
JASPER SCIUTO, MEMBER

ABSENT: NUNZIO PROVENZANO, MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: Jerome Schmeiser, Planning Consultant
(Additional attendance on file at the Clerk's Office)

Chairman GALLAGHER called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

1. Clerk KOEHS called the roll and the entire Commission was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions, corrections or deletions.

MOTION by SCIUTO seconded by AUSILIO to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 16, 2010 were reviewed and any additions, corrections or deletions were discussed and made.

MOTION by POPOVSKI seconded by AUSILIO to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2010 as presented.

MOTION carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

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4. Public Hearing – Review of Charitable Gaming Regulations.

The public hearing was opened by Chairman GALLAGHER at 7:02 p.m. There were comments made regarding the proliferation of ‘Poker rooms’ for the purpose of raising funds for various charities. The primary concerns of the Commission members are the proximity of these places to residential development and the increase in parking at the establishment.

It was recognized that these gaming activities are legitimate business operations, but there are concerns as noted above.

The public hearing was closed by Chairman GALLAGHER at 7:14 p.m.

No action was taken by the Commission.

5. Review of Zoning Ordinance Number 10.

A general discussion was held by the members of the Planning Commission regarding a review of the entire Zoning Ordinance Number 10. The purpose of this discussion was to identify those areas in the ordinance that may need to be examined in detail for possible amendments.

The Commission discussed issues such as the posting of bonds, the ‘multi-use zone’ concept and the Special Land Use provision of the ordinance. Each member was asked to continue their review of the ordinance to try to identify any area that merits more investigation. The Planning Consultants indicated that they are also in the process of reviewing this ordinance with regards to the number and types of zoning classifications and the activities allowed within them.

No action was taken by the Commission.

6. Review of Application Procedures for Planning and Zoning Activities.

A general discussion was held by the members of the Planning Commission regarding a review of the application process and the forms used by the Clerk’s Office to process these activities.

The Commission discussed this matter for some time and determined that the current forms and procedures appear to be sufficient, but that the same circumstances that may cause an ordinance amendment could also determine that changes will need to be made in the forms and processes as well.

No action was taken by the Commission.

PLANNING CONSULTANTS COMMENTS

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No additional comments were made at this time

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

No additional comments were made at this time

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by OLIVER seconded by POPOVSKI to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Gallagher, Chairman

Michael D. Koehs, CMC
Macomb Township Clerk
Planning Commission Secretary