

Watson Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
September 24, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chairperson Chuck Andrysiak, called the meeting of the Watson Township Planning Commission to order at 7:01pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All recited the pledge.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Chuck Andrysiak, Beverly McKinnon, Rod Zeinstra, David Carter, and Barbara Wroblewski. Absent: Jim Baas. Four persons in the audience.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Chuck asked for approval of agenda. Motion made by Rod to accept the agenda, seconded by Bev, all approved.

5. Approval of Minutes

Chuck asked for approval of minutes. Rod made the motion to accept the motion with two corrections (spelling of Lori Boneer (not Bouser) & Jim (not Rod) made motion to adjourn) from July Meeting. Seconded by Beverly; all approved.

7. Public Comments & Communications concerning items not on the agenda:

None

8. New Business

None

9. Old Business

1. Kennel on 120th Avenue (Dawn Weick).

- Bev & Dave made a visit to the kennel and reported to the Planning Commission:
- Bev's Comments: Kennels are in very good condition. They have double doors that lock and also a locked fence. Bev does not think that dogs can get out.
- Dave's Comments: The facility looked good. He asked Lori Boneer "How many dogs in each pen?" Lori answered "Maybe two or three: Dogs can be taken for walks with an adult on nineteen acres. Everything was clean. They were working on the house.
- Dawn Weick explained the trouble at Yankee Springs (location of her previous kennel). The kennel was denied and then brought back to the Township meeting.
- Dawn blames Yankee Springs problems on communication.
- Rod said her stories do not jive. She shouldn't have left Yankee Springs before she came to the Watson Planning Commission. Rod questioned Dawn's integrity. He said, she said, they said, too much of this.
- Bev's comment: When she went to the kennel; Lori turned the radio very loud and they went outdoors and closed the doors and you could not hear the radio very well.
- Margo Wright is concerned about smell. Chuck explained the property is zoned Agriculture and there will be some smells.
- Doug Fuss is worried about the comment that Dawn made to him. That she can

do what she wants anytime and anywhere at her kennel.

- Dave explained that the Planning Commission can make stipulations that the kennel has to go along with or report to the Planning Commission. Dave stated he doesn't think we can make a good decision at this time. He thinks we need more discussion with the Planning Commission.
- Chuck agrees with Dave; also agreeing are Rod & Bev; More discussion:
 1. Kennel is a combination boarding and breeding.
 2. Maybe limit the dogs to 26 to 30 adult dogs. They have 13 pens with maybe two to three each. Mostly shepherds and they are not allowed outside of the fence without an adult.
 3. Manage waste, putting in bags sending to landfill.
 4. When & what to do when dogs have litters. Most dogs have 3 litters a year and usually six pups each.
 5. Hours of operation 9am until 8:30 pm. Sunday same as week days. Extra dogs boarding to be trained. Part of puppy training includes gun shots – Dawn would let neighbors know when they would do this training.
 6. Review in April 2009.
 7. Rod made a list of comments and his thoughts on the kennel.
 8. Chuck suggested that we make a date for a special meeting or at our regular meeting to finish the kennel business after Chuck, Jim & Rod visit the kennel and add more comments to the list Rod handed out to all members.
 9. Motion by rod to table the discussion of the kennel until a special meeting, October 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall; second by Bev, all approved.

1. Gravel Mine annual review

Mark Sisson called Chuck and gave him his updates after checking the site plans and the sites. All gravel mines need letters of credit and insurances updates and a visit from Zoning Administrator – PCI; Two concerns are Langlois/Lodenstein Gravel Mine on 23rd Street and the Simpson/Arnsman Gravel Mine on 14th Street. Mark did inspections and recommends that PCI do inspections. Rod will talk to the Township board about Mark's work with inspections and what needs to be done.

10. Any other business/on going business

None

11. Adjourn meeting

Rod made the motion to adjourn at 9:25pm; second by Dave; All approved.

Barbara Wroblewski