

**Watson Township Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 24, 2010**

**1. Call meeting to order**

Chairperson David Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Dave introduced the new Planning Commission member.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All recited the pledge.

**3. Roll call**

Present: David Carter, Beverly McKinnon, Michelle Harris, Troy Baker, Rod Zeinstra, Bruce Bos and Barbara Wrobleski.

Visitors: Dawn Wiest.

**4. Approval of minutes**

Troy made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. On page 1, under Mark Bauer, the second line to change the period to a comma. Also change the hr to He, and on page 2, change the are to is. Seconded by Michelle. All approved.

**5. Public Comments and Communications**

Dawn Wiest asked to be added to the agenda. She is hear to get the ok from the PC to continue her kennel.

**6. Approval of Agenda**

Rod moved to add Dawn Wiest to New Business as no. 3. Seconded by Michelle.

**7. New Business**

**1. Review of PC officers duties. Refer to By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.**

Dave went over the By-laws and Rules of Procedure with the PC.

**2. Election of PC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.**

Dave opened the Election: Beverly nominated Dave as Chairperson. Seconded by Michelle. All approved.

Michelle nominated Beverly as Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Barbara. All Approved.

Dave nominated Barbara as Secretary. Seconded by Troy. All approved.

**3. Dawn Wieck**

Dawn brought her insurance. And asked for a annual extension on her permit. Everything is going ok at the kennel.

Regarding the Dog Kennel Special Use Request For Dawn Wieck.

Located at 1871 120<sup>th</sup> Ave--Hopkins, Mi. 49328.

Rod made the Motion to grant an extinction for a Use Permit for a Dog Kennel

Operation based on the following conditions;

1. Dawn Wieck resides at the above address house.
  - a. No temporary occupancy or residency will be considered.
2. Dawn Wieck provides the township with a current "Certificate of Liability Insurance." To be provided at each renewal meeting, annually.
3. Township Board is provided a Letter of Approval or Acknowledgment from the Owner, stating he/she are aware of the kennel operation, these conditions, and they assume the associated liability and responsibility of compliance as the land owner on which this operation is taking place.
4. Special Use Permit is good for through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, at which time it will be Reviewed on an annual basis, which expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. This Permit to be reviewed each year, by the March Planning Commission Meeting.
  - b. This Special Permit is Non--Transferable and will expire 1 month after this kennel ceases operations.
5. Hours of Outdoor Operation will be:
  - a. Monday--Saturday 9:00a.m. to ½ hour past Sunset or 8:00p.m. which ever comes first.
  - b. Sunday is 11:00a.m. to ½ hour past Sunset or 6:00p.m. which ever comes First.
  - c. Main doors will be closed at all feasible times, to limit the nuisance of barking dog noises to the community.
  - d. The use of Fire Arms or Fire Arm Simulators will not be allowed as part of the Normal Operation/Training for this Kennel.
6. This Kennel will not be allowed to Operate as a Boarding type of Facility.
7. This Kennel will be limited to 20 Adult Dogs, not to exceed 40 dogs & puppies total.
  - A. Adult dogs are considered to be older than 6 months of age.
8. Subject to all other conditions stated in Section 15.02 of Ordinance.
9. Animal feces to be collected and disposed of off site weekly.
10. Failure to comply with the above criteria will result in immediate and automatic Revocation of this special Use Permit.

Seconded by Troy.

Roll Call Vote; Troy yes, Rod yes, Bruce yes, Michelle yes, Beverly yes, Dave yes  
Barbara yes.

4. Set meeting dates for 2010/2011.

Because of the budget the PC decided to meet every other month except when something special comes up we will call a special meeting. Meeting dates: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Move to accept meeting dates by Michelle. All approved.

5. Review Budget.

Due to the economy and the state budget, the PC will make some cuts. The PC is asking for salaries to be \$2,500.00 instead of \$5,000.00. Professional Services from \$10,000.00 to \$2,500.00 etc. Beverly made the motion to accept these changes. Seconded by Troy. All Agreed.

6. The PC looked over the review papers from Dave and from Barb. Discussion. It was decided to have Dave take the two papers and made one report for the Township Board. The Pc will discuss these next month.

8. **Old Business**

1. Annual Review of Gravel Mines by PCI

Discussion. Rod will recommend to the Township Board that they let PCI know that The report on some mines are due. Cathy Pardee will let us know which ones are due.

2. Wind power/Solar energy.

Dave asked the PC to be thinking about this. The PC needs to have some kind of zoning rules. We will work on this at future meetings.

3. Alan Henrickson 30 acres currently zoned R2-change to A-2


Dave stated that just because Alan wants this property changed he has to go through the process.

9. **Any other Business/on going Business**

None

10. Adjourn Meeting

Beverly made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. Seconded by Bruce. All approved.



-Barbara Wroblewski