

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 30, 2010
7:30 P.M.
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Kolenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
2. Roll call: Present; Whitney, Marciniak, Kolenda, Terryn, Mitteer, & Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator. Absent: Ferwerda, Fuehring, Wilson, and Hosner.
3. Approval of Agenda: Marciniak motioned to approve the agenda, Terryn support, all yes, motion carried.
4. Minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting presented. Mitteer motioned to accept as written, Terryn support, all yes, to approve minutes as written
5. Correspondence: None
6. New Business
 - A. Cihak Enterprise
 - Presentation by Jake Whelpley.
 - Rezone 2 parcels Hazel Road Silver Lake:
 1. Parcel one was owned by the State and is West of Sierra Sands, currently this parcel is not zoned.
 2. Parcel two was resident owned and is zoned residential/resort.
 - Request is for both properties to be rezoned resort/commercial.
 - Whelpley explained that both properties meet the terms of zoning master plan expansion. Request was advertised in the paper. No correspondence received.
 - Public Comment: None

Motion by Marciniak, Support by Mitteer to recommend to the Township Board to rezone both properties. All Ayes, motion carried.

- B. Mears Property
 - Presentation by Jake Whelpley.
 - Redevelopment request to obtain a liquor license for the Restaurant.
 - Dan Castle owner explained his research on obtaining a liquor license.
 1. State of Michigan has a program to spur growth in the economy:
 - A. State Develop Zones, in that zone for every \$200,000 spent the State grants one liquor license.
 - B. State approves the license
 - C. Owner buys the license, after completing all licensing steps.

- D. Township controls the license, Township decides who will get the license and how that license will stimulate growth and fit into the area.
- E. Downtown Development Authority (DDA) needs a board; Township our size can use the Planning Commission as the Board.
- F. 55% of the money from the license goes to the Township general fund to spend as needed.
- G. Once license is obtained it is not portable, it goes back to the Township.

Further discussion on how the licensing works. Right now it is at the attorneys getting legal opinions.

7. Old business: None

8. By Laws

a. ByLaws

-Questions about changes in current ByLaws

1. Mitteer asked about 4 hours of training provided. Whelpley stated he has sent letters to local Townships to see if there is an interest in having a session here as it would cut costs. Several Townships are interested. Whelpley is following up.
2. Discussed Attendance and Expense Reports

Marciniak motioned to table By Laws until next month when more Planning Commission members can attend. Support by Terryn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9. Public Comments:

- Questions on Liquor license
- Put ByLaws on the website

10. Mitteer motioned to adjourn, Marciniak second
Mtg. Adjourned: 8:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Redding
Recording Secretary

