

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
July 11, 2005, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Judy Wheeler, Randy Wigent and Ron Parker present. Also present were Harold Farris, Kathy Mikolajczyk, Gary Lovett, Karen Heffelfinger, Dick Heffelfinger and Bob Godfrey. The following people were present and then left during a short recess. Doug Routledge, Larry Richards, Greta Richards, W. Charles Sanford, Andy Gollnick, Mike Burke, Amsy Miller, Nadia Tafla, Ashley Baker, Hobart Webster, Paul Pridgeon, Ray Kline, Elsie Kline, Lou Burke, Sharon Burke, Jared Bignell, Randi Bignell, Pat Myers, Marian Dickey, John Trott, Dan Pichea, W. Douglas Sanford, Mary Sanford, Sandra T. Spieth, Wendy C. Parker, Janice Wiler, Eugene Baker, Cris Miles, Terri Wigent, Travis Traxler, Steve Gregory, Gretchen Gregory, Steven Gregory, Jr., Lauri Cook, Neal Brady, Joseph M. Supinsky III, Jeannie Nichols, Eugene Nichols, Larry Brueshaber, Sharon Brueshaber, Bart Spieth, Susan Supinsky, Richard Carpenter, H. Douglas Sanford, Jeremiah J. Hodshire and Robert Luchenbill.

The minutes of the June 13, 2005 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The Reading Township Planning Commission had sent a recommendation to the Reading Township Board to allow a Condition Use Permit for Crossroads Farm. The Permit would allow Crossroads Farm to operate under Section 6.6, and in particular subsection B,3. The Planning commission also recommended the following five conditions.

- 1) Events creating excessive sound, {noise} the hours of operation are as follows:
 - 12:00 Noon to 9:30 PM, Sunday thru. Thursday
 - 12:00 Noon to 10:30 PM, Friday and Saturday
- 2) Crossroads Farm is to provide a “Green Buffer” in order to maintain the Agricultural Landscape.
- 3) Crossroads Farm is to provide appropriate traffic control in consideration of Traffic Safety.
- 4) No Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco.
- 5) Crossroads Farm must adhere to the site plan as submitted.

A motion was made by Randy Wigent and supported by Judy Wheeler to approve a conditional use permit for Crossroads Farm according to the recommendations of the Reading Township Planning Commission along with the addition of the following conditions established by the Reading Township Board.

1. Crossroads Farm conforms to Article VIII Section 8.1 in regards to Off Street Parking.
2. No building except in compliance with submitted Drawings, Exhibit #1A, and B. Any changes must go before the Planning Commission.
3. The “Green Buffer” is to be planted within 12 months of the Conditional Use Permit approval. Trees planted in this buffer are to be no less than 24” at the time of planting, no more than 10’ apart, and maintained, so to insure proper growth and cover.

A roll call vote was as follows: Randy Wigent, aye; Roger Wheeler, aye; Ron Parker, aye; Judy Wheeler, aye and James Galloway, aye. Supervisor Galloway declared this motion adopted.

A brief recess was then taken from 7:08 to 7:15.

Bob Godfrey of the Hillsdale County Road Commission reported that the seal coating of Card Road would begin in August and also the Culvert replacement on Quackenbush road would begin in August. There was some discussion of a request to share crack sealing costs for Card Road from the Road Commission for an amount of \$2,172.60. The Township offered to pay one half of this amount and Bob Godfrey will take that response back to the Road Commission.

There will be a Fire Board meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at 7:00 at the Fire Barn.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 6:30 PM. Tim Johnson will again be present to assist in Master Plan development.

There was a discussion of the proposed CAA Housing Study. In August we will want to be able to chose whether to go ahead with this or not.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris requested permission to contact attorney Kevin Shirk on a couple of issues and there was not any objection to this.

A Re-Zone Hearing, at the request of Glen Vincent, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 6:30 PM and then a Conditional Use Hearing, requested by Chuck Rutz, will be held at 7:30 PM on the same evening.

Supervisor Galloway wants to look at the present contract with the Township Assessor and then will want to meet with him.

Attorney Kevin Shirk has advised that abandoning a road in the Hemlock Beech sub-division would be something that the people in that sub-division would have to take care of, on their own, in court.

The township will go ahead and order up to 24 more folding chairs for the township hall. Quotes will be sought for air conditioning at least the meeting room in the township hall building.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Roger Wheeler to pay bills and make payments for a total amount of \$27,519.67. This motion carried 5-0.

There will be an election on Tuesday, August 2, 2005. There are two votes requesting the (Restoration of "Headlee" Reduction) on the "Special Education Millage" and the "Area Vocational-Technical Education Millage" of the Hillsdale Intermediate School District.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by Roger Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Roger Wheeler,
Reading Township Clerk

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