

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board July 9, 2007, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker, Judy Wheeler and Randy Wigent present. Also present were Kathy Mikolajczyk, Jim Holdgreve, Harold Farris and Al Wheeler.

The minutes of the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting were changed to show that Albert Wheeler was requesting to operate an “Auto Repair Facility” rather than an “Auto Repair Garage” and then approved as presented.

Kathy Mikolajczyk mentioned that “four wheeled ATVs” were digging up their road.

Jim Holdgreve presented to the board a letter from the “Hemlock Beach Association”, the “Hemlock Beach Association” Board of directors and the “Hemlock Beach Association” Neighborhood Awareness Group thanking the Reading Township Board for the work involved in enacting Reading Township Ordinances 2007-01 and 2007-02. This letter was signed by over 60 of the members of those associations.

There was a discussion of the roads and road contracts. The Hemlock Beach Road and Cedar Drive project are now complete. There have been quite a few problems with the dust control project.

There will be a meeting on July 19, 2007 at 9 AM at the City Hall with MDOT to discuss a detour route for when the M-49 construction is being done within the City of Reading in the year 2009. It was decided to ask for the Abbott Road seal coat project to be delayed so that these repair could be taken care of by MDOT as part of their detour route.

The monthly Fire Department Report was reviewed. A Fire Board meeting will be July 12, 2007. It was decided to have two township board members; James Galloway and Roger Wheeler meet with two City representatives to work on by-laws for the development and operation of a “Joint Fire Department” and “Fire Board”.

Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris gave his report. There is some progress being made on the abatement process for properties at 5121 and 4571 S. Edon Rd. Not much progress at 6880 S. Edon Rd. Zoning Administrator, Harold Farris reported to the board that there were several other properties in the township that he is working on to have them cleaned up.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Randy Wigent to allow Albert Wheeler to operate an “Auto Repair Facility” at 5121 Edon Road under a conditional use permit just as the Planning Commission had proposed. This motion carried 5-0.

There was some discussion of Bill Sours’ desire to build a restaurant in an agricultural district. It was discussed to perhaps have this property rezoned commercial and possibly even a larger area that might include both existing stores and the properties in between them.

A motion was made by Ron Parker supported by Judy Wheeler to adopt an ordinance titled “R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL” AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE READING TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE: TO AMEND SECTION 4.2, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO AMEND SECTION 4.6 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS. This motion carried 5-0 and was declared adopted. This becomes Reading Township ordinance 2007-04.

A motion was made by Ron Parker supported by Judy Wheeler to adopt an ordinance titled “R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT” AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE READING TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE: TO ADD SECTION 4.9, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO AMEND SECTION 4.6 SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS. This motion carried 5-0 and was declared adopted. This becomes Reading Township ordinance 2007-05.

A motion was made by Ron Parker supported by Judy Wheeler to adopt an ordinance titled “MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT” AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE READING TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 4.10, MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT. This motion carried 5-0 and was declared adopted. This becomes Reading Township ordinance 2007-06.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Randy Wigent to pay bills and make payments for the month of July for a total amount of \$19,063.81. This motion carried 5-0.

There was a suggestion that the township board review the cost and fees for a re-zoning hearing.

There was a motion by Randy Wigent supported by James Galloway to adjourn. This motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.