

Approved Minutes – Reading Township Board
August 13, 2007, Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with James Galloway, Roger Wheeler, Ron Parker and Judy Wheeler present. Randy Wigent absent. Also present were Kathy Mikolajczyk, Jim Holdgreve, Harold Farris, Don Richardson, Mike Parney, Shirley Miles, Dick Mokensturm, Kym Blythe, Gary Lovett and Fred Rigney.

The minutes of the July 9, 2007 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Shirley Miles read a letter opposing any zoning changes that may be requested in order to fit a restaurant in near the lakes.

Fred Rigney asked about the Berry Lake Inlet cleanup. Supervisor Galloway told of the efforts to get this done and also complained of lawn clipping being dumped into the inlet.

The road projects are reportedly going well. The dust control seems to be all right at this time. Road Commissioner, Mike Parney reported that gravel road grading is being done extensively following the heavy rainstorms.

Kym Blythe, representing the Chamber of Commerce, told of the “Park Project” being undertaken by the Chamber and the City and asked if the Township might be willing to contribute \$4,000 towards this project. Following this presentation a motion was made by Roger and supported by Judy Wheeler to suspend the rules of order so that a motion could be made to support this. This motion to suspend the rules of order was passed 4-0. A motion was then made by Roger Wheeler and supported by James Galloway to contribute \$4,000 to this project. This motion carried 4-0.

There was not a Fire Report available. It was reported that two dry hydrants have been installed.

The Zoning Administrator presented his monthly report to the board. He then provided an update on the abatement progress on several properties that have been in violation of the zoning ordinance. He then reported that “Stop Work Orders” had been issued on two different grain storage projects where zoning permits had not been issued. One of these did not meet the setback requirements of the zoning ordinance.

Planning Commission Chairman, Gary Lovett described how the township in enforcing ordinances could utilize a “Municipal Civil Infraction System”. The board was interested in this and would like to see some sample ordinances. (Perhaps ordinances that other similar townships may already use)

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to reappoint Don Richardson and Ron Parker to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by Ron Parker to reappoint Doug Hicks to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Judy Wheeler supported by James Galloway to hire Tim Johnson and MainStreet Planning to reformat the Reading Township Zoning Ordinance at a cost of \$850 as he has proposed. This motion carried 4-0.

After a review of the hearing costs, a motion was made by James Galloway and supported by Roger Wheeler to increase the cost for a “Re-zoning Hearing” from \$250 to \$500. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by Roger Wheeler supported by James Galloway to pay bills and make payments for the month of August for a total amount of \$21,951.63. This motion carried 4-0.

There was a motion by James Galloway supported by Roger Wheeler to adjourn. This motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.