

BANKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 8, 2002
7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: DIXIE RIDGE

The Dixie Ridge Public Hearing was continued until our next regularly scheduled meeting , on Sept. 12, 2002, because the applicant did not provide the documents requested.

BTPC REGULAR MEETING
7:35 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Kessler at 7:30 P.M.

Members present: Sue Kessler, Bill Austin, Nancy Ritsema, Marv Rubingh (arrived later because of public hearing for the Village), Marion Williams

Public present: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing, and the regular meeting of the Banks Township Planning Commission was continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

STANDING REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussed when to hold meetings. September meeting will be on the second Thursday, Sept 12.

MMSC by Nancy Ritsema, Marion Williams, that the stated meeting day become the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, beginning in October, 2002, and that the starting time be 7:00 P.M.

Motion amended to leave starting time at 7:30 P.M. amendment carried

2. Hunting Cabins. Sue reported that Mary Campbell had received a number of phone calls from Gary Strange on the hunting cabin issue.

At 7:45 Gary Strange, Chet Farrell, Tyler Strange arrived

Discussion on hunting cabins continued.

At 8:00 Gary Strange, Chet Farrell, Tyler Strange left

At 8:05, Marv Rubingh and Doris Pearl arrived.

Discussion on how to identify hunting cabins versus recreational dwellings. Do they need a septic, electricity and water? Do we have a maximum days of use per year? Do we stay with the 20 x 20 minimum. The text of the ordinance could be amended., because we really do not want to re-open the issue. Would a simple public survey worded well give the Planning Commission the will of the people?

Discussion also was held on upgrading mobile homes with something bigger, but still not in compliance with the ordinance. Marv expressed concern that we were discriminating against poorer home-owners by not allowing this. We have no mobile home park area ready to be used. Do we need to encourage Drenth Bros to develop the property set aside for the mobile home park. Marv was asked to advise the Township Board

that we are mindful of all concerns, but we do need to honor the ordinance and the master plan

The subject of conducting a survey came up again, based on current and future land use. We would seek input from Mary Campbell to develop a fair survey.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Shooks", written over a horizontal line.

Irene Shooks, clerk