

**BANKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Nov. 8, 2001
7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Rudy Passehl

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kessler, Rubingh, Passehl, Williams, Ritsema

PUBLIC PRESENT: Doris Pearl

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING: Approved as written (Kessler, Williams)

CORRESPONDENCE: Sue Kessler, Copy of Michigan Township News

OLD BUSINESS: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Mary Campbell had a previous engagement, and was not able to attend. She did consult on several items. Questions raised: Did the Township Attorneys look at the amendments? Answer: Attorneys have gone through the Amendments, and had some discussion.

Item 1: TOWER ORDINANCE

We would like to review the Township Ordinance drafted by the Attorney Kevin Elsenheimer, and look in to the possible of melding the existing ordinance, our attorney's draft ordinance and the tower amendment into a completely rewritten and new zoning ordinance.

No action can be taken until entire set of amendments is returned after the attorney's review.

Item 2: RV or Camper parking on private land

The Township Board is not really happy with the restriction on RV or camper parking on private land. But because they don't have a better solution, it will remain under discussion .

Item 3: Accessory Structure restriction

The Township Board would like the accessory structure restriction removed. Doris pointed out that this opens the door to abuse such as having a storage building in place, but no residence is ever put up. Ways to avoid this scenario were discussed, including the requirement that the permit for the residence is issued along with the storage facility, with a time limit for the construction of the primary structure.

The Township Board has asked that the limitation be removed. To do so would require a public hearing, so the matter would be put in to reserve until the hearing is scheduled.

Anyone would have the right of review, if they weren't able to comply. We decided to ask Mary how to reword the ordinance, and bring it to us for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marv brought a request from the Township Board for the year's attendance record. Sue Kessler and Irene Shooks will get it to Donna Heeres.

2. Copies of the township attorney's drafted tower ordinance from 1997 were passed out. Each Board Member needs to read the old one, deciding what changes are pertinent, and what can be incorporated into our present regulation.

3. Because Rudy Passehl will be gone December 2001, and January 2002, a vice chair will be needed. MMSC Passehl/Williams that Sue Kessler be Vice Chair.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

