

**1. On Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** Chairman Rodney Carpenter called the regular meeting of the Algansee Township Planning Commission meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. All members were present Rodney Carpenter, Pricilla Dodd, Amos Barnett, Mick Belcher, and Glenn Preston.

**2. Minutes-** Amos Barnett motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting which was November 30, 2009 minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**3. Agenda-** Glenn Preston motioned to approve the agenda. Support by Amos Barnett. Motion carried.

**4. Old Business-** none

**5. Report from Township Representative-** Mick Belcher reported Chris Donato still has a zoning violation

**6. Report from Zoning Administrator-** Russ Jennings reported he issued 1 permit for the month of December to John and Darlene Starr.

**7. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals-** Amos Barnett reported they didn't meet.

**8. New Business-** Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said that John Starr suggested that we list in the township newsletter all the different structures that would need a zoning permit. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said on the corner of Teal and Fisher Roads Mr. Roberts enclosed his porch and the County Building Inspector Scott Winter gave him a building permit without having a zoning permit. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said the first house south of Lester Cemetery on Fremont Road has ongoing trailer sales. Thought we should contact our township Planner with that one.

**Election of Officers-** Amos Barnett motioned to keep the officers the same- Chairman Rodney Carpenter, Vice Chairman- Pricilla Dodd and Secretary- Glenn Preston. Support by Glenn Preston. Motion carried. Amos Barnett motioned to have Glenn Preston represent the Planning Commission on the Zoning Board of Appeals for this year. Support by Pricilla Dodd. Motion carried.

**9. Master Plan Review-** Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter explained that they are seeking input from the community and each month will focus on a different area of the township starting with Agriculture community in January, Amish community in February, and general business in March and Lake

Community in April. The goal is to complete Master Plan by early summer. Planning Commission Chairman Rodney Carpenter opened the meeting for public comment.

Dennis Higbee, 832 McNitt Road- wondered why we didn't have the Amish in the Ag District.

Chairman Rodney Carpenter said we haven't taken them out of the Ag District; we just want to hear from them separately.

John Shilling, 373 South Ray Quincy Road- said the township has designated the northwest corner of the township as the urban area, R-2.

Gordon Porter, 961 Central Road- wondered if the township designated the northwest corner of the township R-2 with no livestock because of environmental issues with the lakes in that area.

John Shilling, 373 South Ray Quincy Road- explained the land splits in the township.

John Watson, 752 Campbell Road- said that in the Ag District we would like as few houses as possible.

Darrin Higbee, 790 Lester Road- Asked about the environmental overlay district which seemed to be around the creeks in the township and why were the setbacks greater there than the setbacks around the lakes?

Chad Carpenter wondered about the 500 foot setback requirement in the environmental overlay zoning district, when the setback in the Ag zoning district is 83 feet from the center of the road.

Leon Knirk, 158 Stringtown Road- wondered if the township was trying to preserve agricultural land with the 10 acre lots in the Ag district.

Jason Shilling, 929 Lester Road- wondered if anyone could have livestock in the R-2 zoning district if they owned more than 10 acres of land.

John Shilling, 373 South Ray Quincy Road- gave us simplified short of the history of zoning in the township.

Chairman Rodney Carpenter asked if there were any more public comments. Seeing none, closed this portion of the meeting.

**10. Public Comment-** Supervisor Tom Morgan, 233 Dons Drive- asked if anyone was interested in wind farms. He said he has been contacted about what the township zoning is on wind farms.

**11. Adjournment-** Glenn Preston motioned to adjourn. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried. Next Meeting will be February 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Glenn Preston, Secretary