

1. On Monday, February 22, 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 January 25, 2010 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- Reviewed letter from the Township Planner Greg Milliken in reference to Fremont Road situation with on going sales in yard. Amos Barnett motioned to table discussion until further action. Support by Glenn Preston. Motion carried.

Draft for Zoning Ordinance Amendment- Wind Turbines- will be reviewed at March meeting.

5. Report from Township Representative- Mick Belcher reported on the township's board action on the corner of Teal and Fisher concerning Mr. Roberts and the County Building Inspector not requiring him to get a zoning permit and the township board motioned to charge Mr. Roberts \$25.

6. Report from Zoning Administrator- Russ Jennings reported he issued 1 permit for the month of January on Wilmin Road.

7. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Amos Barnett reported they didn't meet in the month of January but will meet at 7:00 on March 1st to approve minutes and elect officers.

8. New Business- none

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 Secretary Glenn Preston read

Amish Suggestions for the Algansee Township Master Plan

1. Respect the Amish and our religion. Please work with us to solve our zoning problems instead of taking us to court. Let's work things out. We have been in Algansee Township for 50 years and had not had any problems until about 10 years ago. Things have been much better the last 2 years.
2. The 10 acre zoning requirement works a lot better for us than the 10 year no till.
3. Current road setbacks are not a problem for us when building new structures but remain a problem with our older homes and buildings which have been there for decades.
4. A hitching rail would be nice to have at the township hall.
5. An earlier starting time (6:00) for township meetings would be better for the Amish so we're not traveling on major roads after dark.
6. We would prefer to have our roads remain gravel roads. Oil spread on our roads adheres to our buggies and equipment.
7. A. 4 foot road brim would be nice for the major roads in Algansee Township. If not a 4 foot brim, could we at least have a pull off located every so often along these major roads. We will continue to keep stressing that our lights be cleaned off and kept as bright as possible.

The question came up about the 500 foot set back requirement from churches and schools.

Need to look revisit this with township planner Greg Milliken.

10. Public Comment- none

11. Adjournment- Mick Belcher motioned to adjourn. Support by Amos Barnett. Motion carried. Next Meeting will be March 29, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Glenn Preston, Secretary