



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 10th, 2010, **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Chair Connie Bieling, Vice Chair Guy Seifert, Board Members, George White, Roy Christman, Christine Meinhart, Russ Frank, and Gary Bruch.

Secretary, Jeremy Barbosa, **and Solicitor** Jenny Cheng.

Excused: None

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	None	The Planning Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Approval of the Minutes: Approval of April 12, 2010 Towamensing Township Planning Commission minutes.	None	Motion made by Guy Seifert to approve the minutes from April 12, 2010, and seconded by Gary Bruch. A.I.F.
Public Participation	Robert Beers was there to discuss possible subdivisions, and reverse sub divisions for his mother Gladys Beers' farm. Mr. Beers gave the board an outline of what his mother would like to have done to the property. Board Members Guy Seifert and Christine Meinhart gave suggestions on how they need to proceed with the process and recommended that they come back with sketch plans. Mr. Beers thanked the board for the input and will come back with sketch plans to help move this process along.	None
Zoning Officer Report	None	None

<p>Old Business: Kuehner Farm, sketch plan, presented by Rudy Wolf</p>	<p>Engineer Rudy Wolf presented a sketch plan for a boundary or lot line adjustment. The Kuehner family will be giving 5 acres of their parcel to Don and Elaine George. This is for a buffer area so the campground would not approach any homes or developments. A discussion occurred with board members over the plans. Vice Chair Guy Seifert asked that the final plans be review by the Township Engineer to just make sure that nothing is missed. Then several board members questioned the demographics on the sketch plan and noticed that some of the neighboring properties might not have accurate property owner identifications. They asked Mr. Wolf to double check them. Board member Rusty Frank asked if any building will be placed on these five acres, and the potential owners stated that any would be far away from this lot line. Rusty Frank asked Zoning officer and board member Christine Meinhart if they would be required to plant a tree buffer along the line as previous campgrounds were required. Christine stated that this is a different use since it is not to expand the campground to the property line but add acreage to the property to have a natural buffer of land. Rudy Wolf stated he will see no need for any waiver requests and will submit formal plans for review that will meet SALDO requirements.</p>	<p>None needed due to this being an informal sketch plan to get recommendations from the board.</p>
<p>New Business: Reverse subdivision for Beltzville Lake Estates, presented by owner Josh Roderick.</p>	<p>Plans were accepted for review on this date May 10, 2010. Mr. Roderick presented the board with plans of a reverse subdivision for lots 109 and 112 in the Beltzville Lake Estates development. The reverse subdivision is needed to help solve septic system issues on the property. The issues occurred after the building permits and septic system permits were granted. Due to water issues causing problems with the area of the planned septic</p>	<p>Motion was made by Guy Siefert to accept the plans for review, and seconded by Christine Meinhart, AIF. Motion was made by Guy Seifert to conditionally approve the reverse subdivision, conditional on having a written description of the property after the lot line removal, also project drawings and a mylar for Planning and Township Supervisors to sign, the motion was seconded by Roy Christman, AIF.</p>

	system, the permits were revoked. With the merging of the two lots the permits can be reissued and the septic system can be installed. The board reviewed the plans and were satisfied with them.	
Officials: Connie Bieling	Board Chair Connie Bieling informed the board about the success of the Local Government Day presentation on May 4 th with the Towamensing School sixth grade class. There were 60 kids who attended and they all enjoyed the experience. Connie again thanked everyone involved in the program.	None
Roy Christman	Board member Roy Christman gave an update on the Regional Planning draft agreements and the progress he has achieved in the last month. Roy stated he continues to make changes to the draft and conversing with the local municipalities in hopes to draft an acceptable agreement. Informed the board of upcoming meetings he was going to attend to get feedback and update them on the progress. Roy also informed that each municipalities will nominate two person to the board to help with implementation and oversight of the regional plan. Representing Towamensing Township will be board chair Connie Bieling and board member/ zoning officer Christine Meinhart.	None
Adjournment		Motion made by Guy Seifert to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Roy Christman. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.