

Wright Township Planning Commission
September 19, 2011
APPROVED

Call to Order: Chairman Dausman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer.

No Parking in Fire Spaces: Dausman reminded the audience not to park in the spaces marked; Reserved for Firemen. Members present: Dausman, Karr, VanDyke, Ruwersma and Westgate.

Additions to the Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of August 15, 2011 Planning Commission Minutes: Karr moved to accept the August 15, 2011 PC minutes as recorded, Ruwersma seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda: Recording Secretary Boersma reviewed the August 19, 2011 letter sent to the Commission regarding proper procedure for filing a complaint and using the complaint forms sent to each member. Sign ordinance was discussed and will have to be reviewed in the future. After discussing sign violations in the township, the specific role of IMS was explained. PC Member VanDyke stated that the Planning Commission's role is to protect those who are already here and steer or guide those who want to come into the township.

Special Land Use Ordinance Review: Commission would like to change the wording in Sec. 1906. **REVOCATION OF PERMIT.** Which now reads, If a violation of any of the conditions or standards imposed on a special land use is found to exist following inspection, the Zoning Administrator shall notify the owner of the premises of the special land use and the Planning Commission that such violation exists and that the permit will be revoked within 15 days of such notification. If said violation is not corrected with(in) 15 days, the Planning Commission shall revoke the permit. Furthermore, such a violation is hereby declared to be a violation of the zoning ordinance, subject to all of the remedies and penalties provided for in this ordinance. **To read:** " If a violation of any of the conditions or standards imposed on a special land use is found to exist following inspection, the Zoning Administrator shall notify the owner of the premises

of the special land use and the Planning Commission that such violation exists and that the permit *may* be revoked within 15 days of such notification. If said violation is not corrected within 15 days, the Planning Commission *may* revoke the permit. Furthermore, such a violation is hereby declared to be a violation of the zoning ordinance, subject to all the remedies and penalties provided for in this ordinance.”

The Planning Commission would like to see the wording changed in:
In Sec 1908. **STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES:** An application to the Planning Commission for approval of a special land use to operate a sexually oriented business shall be approved if all of the following requirements have been met:

to read: “An application to the Planning Commission for approval of a special land use to operate a sexually oriented business shall *not* be approved if *any* of the following requirements have *not* been met:”

In looking at Sec 1908. 1) h), The PC would like to add the word, “sidewalk”.

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h) No product for sale or gift, nor any picture or other representation of any product for sale or gift shall be displayed so that it is visible by a person of normal visual acuity from the nearest adjoining roadway, **sidewalk**, or adjoining property.

Commission Member Concerns: Members discussed outsource pricing and how much we need to use different services offered to the Commission. Member Westgate made the announcement that the Wright Township Supervisor, JoAnn Becker has turned in her resignation and the Township is seeking a qualified replacement.

Adjournment: Westgate motioned to adjourn at 9:00PM, VanDyke seconded the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by: Rebecca L. Boersma
Recording Secretary, Wright Township Planning Commission

C: Wright Township Board Members

Jan Johnson, Main Street by e-mail

Planning members: Dausman (US Mail), Karr, Ruwersma, VanDyke, Westgate.

Secretary Boersma, by e-mail

Community Members: Bill Miller, Carol Rasch, Russell Rasch by e-mail

Ann Malewitz by US Mail