

**Wright Township Planning Commission**  
**July 19, 2010**  
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Chairman Dausman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer. He reminded the audience not to park in the spaces reserved for the firemen. Members present: Karr, Dausman, VanDyke, Ruwersma and Westgate.

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

**Approval of the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Special Session Minutes:** Motion by Dausman, supported by VanDyke to approve the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

**No Public Comments for Items Not On the Agenda.**

**Election of Planning Commission Officers:** Karr nominated Dausman to remain as Chair, supported by VanDyke, motion carried. Ruwersma made a motion to keep Karr as Vice Chair and VanDyke as Secretary, VanDyke nominated Westgate for Secretary as he would like to resign from the position as Secretary. Dausman seconded the motion, but first the Commission had to vote on Karr as Vice Chair and VanDyke as Secretary, the Commission voted down the motion. Vote for Westgate as Secretary passed unanimously. VanDyke nominated Karr as Vice Chair, Westgate seconded, motion carried.

Also present was contractor, Marty Lozon, 3027 Coolidge, representing Jansma.

**Jansma Site Plan Review:** Marty Lozon was representing Jansma as a friend and contractor. Questions from the Commission were directed to Lozon about the Site Plan regarding the other buildings on the site, sizes of the buildings, what the new building will be used for, unauthorized equipment being stored on the site, when the site will be cleaned out (Lozon said that in August of 2010, the equipment will be removed) Photos were viewed, the Master Plan Map was referred to, history of the property was discussed, and the Chapter 12 Industrial District Ordinance was read. Dausman noted that in the **Industrial District Ordinance, Sec 1204 . Accessory Buildings.** It reads, "There shall be a maximum of two accessory buildings on each lot. Accessory buildings shall be no closer than twenty five feet to the side or rear lot lines and 20 feet to the principal building and shall not be located within any front yard. Where an Industrial Zone abuts a Residential or Rural Agricultural Zoning District or an area recommended for such use in the Township Master Plan, the side and rear setback be 50 feet. Because this is an accessory building, Jansma could either move the building or apply for a variance. VanDyke questioned whether or not the thirteen points were met from the August 2009 meeting. The arborvitaes have been planted and the gate has been slated. Karr mentioned that if the building was aesthetically matched with the other buildings that he had no problem with the building. VanDyke questioned the amount of activity generated and the safety of storing salt in relation to the surrounding environment. The

environmental effect of the salt storage was considered and determined that if that became an issue or there were complaints, that consequences would follow. Karr moved to accept the site plan and information provided contingent on a setback variance. Westgate seconded the motion, more discussion followed about the siding and how much of the building was to be sided. It was determined that the eight foot concrete block walls topped with four foot sided walls as the sketch showed was acceptable for an accessory building. Planner Johnson asked how far the construction was. Motion carried with one objection, Westgate; yes, Karr; yes, Ruwersma; yes, Dausman; yes. VanDyke; nay. Planner Johnson advised Lozon that Jansma needs a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in order to have the site plan approved.

**Medical Marihuana Packet:** Planner Johnson gave a very brief overview of regulations regarding medical marihuana. The Planning Commission members will take the packets home to read for future reference.

**Commission Member Concerns:** Ruwersma asked about attending the ZBA meetings as a Planning Commission Representative. and when it becomes a conflict of interest. Johnson said that Ruwersma can attend the meetings, but cannot participate in the decision making if the question before the ZBA is the same question as was placed before the Planning Commission. For this issue, Johnson informed Ruwersma that she will have to get the alternate to attend the meeting and vote. If a different question is posed, the Planning Commission Representative may vote. Johnson said that ZBA members can self-educate by reading the Wright Township Ordinance book, reading the Planning Commission Minutes and attending workshops. Planning Commission and Board members can discuss various best practices and general information. They cannot discuss with each other separate from the meetings, specific votes or issues before them.

**Adjournment:** Ruwersma motioned to adjourn at 9:00PM, Karr seconded, motion carried.

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

C: Wright Township Board Members  
Tim 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