

June 24, 2013 Algansee Planning Commission Minutes

1. On Monday, June 24, 2013 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, Chairman Rodney Carpenter, Vice Chairman Pricilla Dodd, Rick Coon, Township representative John Shilling and Secretary Glenn Preston.

2. Minutes- Pricilla Dodd motioned to approve the last Algansee Township Planning Commission meeting minutes, May 28, 2013. Support by Rick Coon. Motion carried.

3. Agenda- John Shilling motioned to approve the agenda as written. Support by Pricilla Dodd. Motion carried.

4. Old Business- Haven't heard anything on the Special Use Request for a shared driveway from Robert and Ellen Wilkinson, 130 Orchard Trail, Quincy, MI, property code #120-005-200-005-02. There is a possible appeal of the Special Use Request for Mark Hildebrand, property code #120-007-400-005-99. The appeal needs to be filed 30 days from the last Algansee Township Board meeting.

5. Report from Township Representative- John Shilling said the Algansee Township Board discussed increasing the fees to cover the costs for the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and the Special Use Hearings.

6. Report from Zoning Administrator- Zoning Administrator Amos Barnett reported he had issued 6 permits in the month of June.

7. Report from Zoning Board of Appeals- Pricilla Dodd reported they met June 5, 2013 and granted a variance on the Kevin Homier property.

8. New Business- Glenn Preston motioned to have the Algansee Township Board pursue the purchase of the property on the north side of Fisher Cemetery. It is part of the State of Michigan tax sale for a minimum of \$2,200.00. Support by Pricilla Dodd. Motion carried.

9. Public Hearing Rezoning Request for Laurie A. Billman, 555 South Ray Quincy Road, property code #120-027-100-020-00 + #120-027-300-005-00.

Opening Statement- Laurie A. Billman said she would like to have a store in the basement of her house as a convenience to the Amish and it will be open to the public.

Questions from the Algansee Planning Commission-

Rick Coon asked if Laurie Billman had increased her liability insurance. Laurie Billman said she would contact her insurance agent. John Shilling asked if Laurie Billman was planning on doing this long term. Laurie Billman said she would like to. Pricilla Dodd asked about the hours of operation and is concerned for the safety of Amish buggies coming and leaving at that time of night especially in the winter time. Laurie Billman said she would be open until 9:00pm and it usually isn't a problem at that time of night.

Glenn Preston asked if she had a telephone for the Amish. Laurie Billman said the Amish would like her to have one.

Public Hearing Public Comments- Kelly Young, 559 South Ray Quincy Road, is concerned about the hidden driveway. Joy Wood, Safford's Store 580 South Ray Quincy Road, says she has to pay commercial taxes and thinks all stores should pay equally. Tom (Van) Dove said he has been in the business 29 years and 50% of his business is Amish and this isn't fair.

Closing Statement- Laurie Billman said she would check into her liability insurance. Pricilla Dodd motioned to table Laurie Billman's request until next month. Supported by Rick Coon. Motion carried.

10. Public Comment- no public comments.

11. Adjournment- Rick Coon motioned to adjourn. Support by Pricilla Dodd. Motion carried. Next meeting date will be Monday, July 29, 2013 at the Algansee Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Glenn Preston, Secretary