

Town of Summer Hill
Planning Board Meeting
October 22nd, 2009

Present: Tom Ripley-Chairman, Robert Amerman- Vice Chairman, Ted Norman, Barb Harvey

Secretary: Amber Parker

Others Present: Charlie Ripley, Mary Osgood

Absent: Matt Kratzer

October 22, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:22 P.M.

The minutes of October 12th, 2009 were approved as written by Tom, 2nd by Bob Amerman.

Approved 4-0.

Communications:

Email informing of a meeting on November 9th on a workshop that the Planning Board must attend to learn of County Hazards and to help the County and their numbering system of each hazard, to determine the severity of each situation.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Bob reviewed with the members the changes that had been made to the Site Plan review Law, the Mobile home law, and the Application for Business.

Through discussion the members suggested the following changes be made to the Application for Business on #5, insert a #9 for other references (Other work done locally). Change the last statement, explaining that they are not necessarily approved, but are registered. Change the name to "Application for Business Permit Registration" Ted suggested a motion to approve, 2nd by Barb. Approved with corrections 4-0.

The Status of the Town Survey was reviewed. It has not been sent out as of yet.

Town needs input from Planning Board for the quarterly newsletter. The Secretary of the Planning Board will create the summary for the quarterly newsletter.

New Business:

- ✓ Member goals for the Town:
 - **Quality of Life:**
 - Citizens should feel safe, disaster response set up for the purpose of a large accident. Disaster fund, blanket, food, utensils, cots, etc.
 - Money given to the town some time ago, not used, but is still active.
 - Fire Police and Emergency services, along with the local response plan.
 - Employment of the town to be increased.
 - Publicize the Town attractions more including the bird sanctuary, etc. Guided tours.
 - **Community Character:**
 - Keep the town rural with farmers.
 - Protect our environment, create regulations to protect land, encourage people to redo their houses.
 - Work with the historian to draw attention to local history and landmarks.
 - Clean up the town. (Property Maintenance Law)
 - Not interested in increasing tourism.
 - **Economy:**
 - Expand employment opportunities, to keep new generations around.
 - Support local businesses.
 - Help local businesses expand.
 - **Agriculture:**
 - Protect, use buffer zones to keep water clear.
 - Grants available for the farmers.
 - Adopt clear land use regulations.
 - Only allow people to buy 25 acre lots to preserve our open space.
 - Better and safer ways to transport agricultural products on the busy highways.
 - **Housing:**
 - Caps on the housing size
 - Housing opportunities made available for all members of the community
 - Funding for old houses to update them.
 - Go Green!
 - Not wanting an increase in housing to contaminate the landscape. Look into cluster housing.
 - **Education:**
 - Work within own school district
 - **Transportation System:**
 - Buses
 - Ensure that local transportation system is safe and available to all.
 - Make use of existing roads and highways.
 - Work with the state to create alternate route for heavy hauling trucks.

- Mary Osgood suggests that certain trucks over a certain weight be bonded in order to insure they can cover any damage they make while driving through the Town.
- **Parks:**
 - Fall Creek would make a good park says Ted
- **Municipal Services:**
 - Roads, phone services...
- **Environment Open Spaces Resources:**
 - Protect the lake.
 - State Lands
 - Money
 - Wetlands, woodlands, streams, etc.
 - Promote designed development
 - Flood plain, scenic quality of landscape

Adjournment:

Ted suggests a motion to adjourn at 9:43 P.M., 2nd by Barb. Approved 4-0.

Workshop of County Hazards November 9th at 8 A.M.

Next meeting on November 12, 2009 at 7 P.M.

Bob has a County Planning Board meeting on November 19th at 6 P.M.

Training session for Planning Board members at the County Office building at 7:30 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Secretary, Amber Parker