

BLAIR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting–September 7, 2011-Approved

- A. The regular meeting of the Blair Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Heim at 6:00 p.m. at the Blair Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Present at the meeting were commission members Dean, Zeits, Jorns, Bildeaux, Fleis and Heim. Also present at the meeting were the Zoning Administrator and one (1) guest. Clous arrived at 6:02 pm.
- D. There was no public input.
- E. Moved by Fleis supported by Dean to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- F. There was no conflict of interest stated.
- G. There were no minutes presented for approval.
- H. The Zoning Administrator reported that he had researched the question whether an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance could be changed after the public hearing was held without having to hold another public hearing. He stated that he posed the question on the Michigan Township's Association forum and the answer was that no further public hearings would need to be held, as long as the change was relevant to the subject of the Zoning Ordinance amendment being discussed.
- I. There were no presentations.
- J. **1.) PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 104-05-11-04 REGARDING CHANGES TO SECTION 16.06 THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS.**

a.) OPEN PUBLIC HEARING 6:07 PM

b.) PRESENTATION BY STAFF – The Zoning Administrator stated that it was the Zoning Board of Appeals interpretation of this section that prompted the amendment. He reviewed the changes made on the recommendation of both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Zoning Administrator also stated that the reason why other ordinances limit the number of chickens to four (4) is because that has been found to be a suitable number of chickens to produce enough eggs for a family.

c.) There was no Public Comment.

d.) CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:12 PM

g.) DISCUSSION/DECISION - There was discussion regarding requiring five(5) acres for chickens and only two (2) acres for a horse, the slaughtering of chickens, the minimum lot size in the Ag district, and the reason the Planning Commission decided that up to twelve (12) should be allowed. (Larger residential lot sized could accommodate more chickens.)

Moved by Jorns supported by Clous to recommend approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment #104-05-11-04 to the Township Board with the following changes:

1. Change the required acreage from five (5) to two (2) to correspond with the minimum lot size in the AG district.
2. Remove item "c".
3. Change the word "parcel" to "lot" as defined in the Zoning Ordinance.

RCV: Yes: Bildeaux, Fleis, Dean, Zeits, Jorn, Clous, and Heim. No: None. Motion carried.

L. There was no New Business.

K. There was no Unfinished Business.

M. There were no reports.

N. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Commission member Clous stated that the home building business seems to be picking up a little bit.

2. The Zoning Administrator stated that he has had some issues recently with fences and boat docks. He will review these items and discuss with Chairman Heim to determine whether or not these items should be put on the agenda.

O. There was no public input.

P. Adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Wolfgang
Recording Secretary