

Proposed Minutes
Of the
Baroda Township Planning Commission Meeting
April 11, 2011

PRESENT

David Schultz, Chair
Tom Shafer
Peter Van Vooren
Dean Schmaltz
Wendie Shafer

ABSENT

Tom Lippert
Ed Heyn

STAFF/OTHERS

Jim Pheifer

Chairman David Schultz called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Baroda Township Municipal Building Meeting Room. There were no audience members.

The minutes of the last Planning Commission meeting were distributed. Dean Schmaltz moved, seconded by Pere Van Vooren to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes. Vote – All Yes Motion Carried.

Wendie Shafer reported that a building permit application for additional production/storage area for the Winery on Shawnee Rd. had been received.

Jim Pheifer reported that he had issued Zoning Permits for Rich Weich on Miller Rd. for a Pole barn and to the Hasse Brothers Farms for a pole building on Holden Rd. There is a Zoning Permit application waiting to be received by Bill Smart on Landon Rd.

Dean Schmaltz asked what is happening with the Ronald Ellsworth situation. Wendie reported that Kim Fowler has been working with Mr. Ellsworth and that, very slowly, clean up progress is being made.

Dave Schultz asked if a report of police coverage in Baroda and Lake Townships had been submitted. Wendie explained that the information will be included in the Annual Police Report to be given at the Monday, April 18, 2011 Township Board meeting.

Wendie Shafer nominated David Schultz to be the Chairman of the Baroda Township Planning Commission, seconded by Peter Van Vooren. Vote – All Yes

Tom Shafer nominated Tom Lippert to be the Vice Chairman of the Baroda Township Planning Commission, seconded by Dean Schmaltz. Vote – All Yes.

Peter Van Vooren nominated Wendie Shafer to be Secretary of the Baroda Township Planning Commission, seconded by Tom Shafer. Vote – All Yes.

Discussion was held as to what methods could be used to encourage tourist activities in the Township, particularly involving the winery areas. It was suggested by Jim Pheifer to list Wineries under its own heading in the Special Land Use section of the Zoning Ordinance and to the list of special uses add tourist type activities such as wine tasting, restaurants, recreational activities, weddings, art fairs, lodging, and conference centers. Wendie is to develop and present language to include in the Zoning Ordinance for the next Planning Commission meeting.

The Commissioners were reminded that the Lakeshore School Superintendent plans to speak at the April 18th Township Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by Chairman, David Schultz at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Baroda Township Planning is scheduled for Monday May 9, 2011

Wendie Shafer,
Secretary, Baroda Township Planning Commission