

WILLIAMSON PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes March 2, 2010

APPROVED

Present:

G. Ehresman
J. Fox (Acting Chair)
J. Willis

Absent:

T. DeMarree, Chair
J. Ferrante
D. Hoffman, Alternate
E. Loveman, Alternate

The **Work Session** was opened at 7:00 p.m. by J. Fox, Acting Chair. (J. Fox was designated as Chair for the March 2, 2010 Planning Board Meeting at the February 2 2010 Meeting in T. DeMarree's scheduled absence.)

Materials were copied, distributed, and reviewed. The Agenda Items for the meeting were reviewed.

Visitors and guests were welcomed. Members of the Senior Class were welcomed and the duties and purpose of the Planning Board were explained to them.

The **Planning Board Meeting** was opened at 7:30 p.m. by J. Fox.

The Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2010 Planning Board Meeting as written. Motion carried. The process and purpose of the Minutes were explained.

AGENDA

➤ **Item #1**

Alan Verbridge; property located at 3501 Woods Road, Williamson. Applicant is asking for Exemption from Further Review per Chapter 52, Subdivision, Article II, Section 152-5 C & D.

Mr. Verbridge was present.

Discussion:

- The property was purchased in the Summer of 2009.
- Sister-in-law will take ownership of the house (2.375 acres) and approximately 7 acres will remain farmland/orchard.
- Bob Morris surveyed.
- There are approximately 25 feet along the border to provide access to the orchard.
- There are no future plans for the property at this time.
- Mr. Verbridge's parents own the surrounding property.

The subdivision map was reviewed and has been reviewed for Zoning compliance.

The question was asked regarding the name (Kramberg) on the property and it was explained that "Krambergs" used to live on the property.

The Motion was made to approve the request for Exemption from Further Review on the property located at 3501 Woods Road, Williamson. Motion carried.

➤ **Item #2**

For Discussion Only – regarding sewer rates; statements and information will be reviewed.

There was discussion regarding how the sewer rates and charges are applied.

Mr. J. Manahan was present and explained the sewer rates and procedures:
\$100/per Unit charges currently
Maintenance fees are included

Mr. Manahan also submitted a letter that he had written stating his opinion.

Mr. S. Haywood, Town Assessor, was present and explained his role and discussion with Mr. Murzin and his concerns.

Additional discussion included:

- Should charges be based on consumption?
 - Laundry mats
 - Auto dealers
 - Labor camps
 - Beauty parlors
 - Restaurants/eating establishments
 - Single family homes
 - Retail stores
 - Apartments
 - Churches

- There was interest expressed in a re-evaluation of the system.
- Williamson's rates are ranked "low" in Wayne County.

Mr. M. Orr, President of the Business Improvement District, was present and submitted letters.

Comments/concerns from Mr. L. Cole:

3 businesses in 1 building with only one bathroom

he would request "water usage" rather than "units" – at least in the business district

Mr. E. Swingly raised the question that wouldn't it be most fair to base it on usage? The response was that it was decided 30 years ago that it would not be determined on usage only.

This information and discussion will be taken into consideration. There will be further review with a committee designated. Recommendations will then be made to the Town Board. The committee will need to take into consideration what impact the changes would have on the overall picture.

J. Fox invited the Seniors to ask questions; there were none.

A Motion was made to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Greaney