

ISABELLA COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
January 19, 2011

Room 225
Isabella County Building

A regular meeting of the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals was held January 19, 2011 in room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wynes, Gordon Gilchrist (arrived 9:05 a.m.), Marilyn Fosburg, Kelly Bean, Tom Courser.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Mike Zalewski, Planner/Zoning Administrator
Brandy Harger, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Wynes opened nominations for Chairperson

Ms. Fosburg nominated Mr. Wynes for Chairperson.

Mr. Wynes called for any other nominations twice.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote on the nomination.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Wynes was declared Chairperson.

Mr. Wynes opened nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Ms. Fosburg nominated Mr. Courser for Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Wynes called for any other nominations twice.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote on the nomination.

By a unanimous vote, Mr. Courser was declared Vice-Chairperson.

Mr. Wynes opened nominations for Secretary.

Mr. Courser nominated Ms. Fosburg for Secretary.

Mr. Wynes called for any other nominations twice.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote on the nomination.

By a unanimous vote, Ms. Fosburg was declared Secretary.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bean, supported by Mr. Courser to maintain the time and date for the regular meetings as is, on the third Wednesday of the Month at 9:00 a.m. in room 225 of the Isabella County Building.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote on the motion.

Yes: Wynes, Fosburg, Bean, Courser, Gilchrist.

No: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

STAFF COMMENTS

None heard.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Gilchrist stated that many communities in the U.S. have addressed the issue of urban farming. He also suggested that the same be addressed in our current ordinance by adopting an amendment to allow the keeping of animals in residential areas.

Mr. Zalewski stated that probably over 90% of the area under County Zoning is zoned Agricultural and would allow these types of activities. This is an issue that has been brought to the Planning Commission and will be discussed further.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Fosburg, supported by Mr. Gilchrist to adjourn at 9:17 a.m.

Yes: Wynes, Gilchrist, Fosburg, Bean, Courser.

No: None.

Motion Carried.

Marilyn Fosburg, Secretary

Brandy Harger, Recording Secretary