

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mike O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Chair Mike O'Malley, Vice Chair Howard Roobol, Doug Pointer, Bill Schweitzer, Lisa Frizzell, Alternates; Eric Paquette and Ted Spangenberg. Also present: Planner Sue Becker and Recording Secretary Rose Kogge.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

Chair O'Malley introduced welcomed new alternate ZBA Member, Ted Spangenberg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Monday, August 26, 2013 minutes. Roobol motioned to approve the minutes with one edit (spelling of Paquette), supported by Pointer
Ayes: 5 Nays:0 Motion carried

ZONING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Planner Becker reviewed the Year End Report with the ZBA Members. The York Woods Condominium request was denied. At this time the Community Building has been returned to the original permit request which was a maintenance/storage building.

Planner Becker has not heard from Mr. Vanderhoff regarding his request Case#12-ZBA-01 for a 1-year variance extension. If construction has not commenced prior to July 30, 2014, the extension shall expire.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pointer motioned to nominate Mike O'Malley as Chair, supported by Roobol.
(O'Malley abstained from voting.)
Unanimously approved

Schweitzer motioned to nominate Lisa Frizzell as Vice Chair - Lisa respectfully declined. She would like to be on the Board longer before accepting a Vice Chair position.

Pointer motioned to nominate Howard Roobol as Vice Chair. Supported by Schweitzer.
(Roobol abstained from voting)
Unanimously approved

BOARD UPDATES

Chair O'Malley mentioned there is a ZBA/PC training session held at the Plainfield Township Offices on February 26, 2014. This is a good training session if anyone is interested in attending.

STAFF UPDATES

Planner Becker reviewed upcoming road projects in the Township. In June, MDOT will resurface Alpine Avenue from 3 Mile Road to Alpenhorn Drive. The Kent County Road Commission will reconstruct 4 Mile Road from Cordes Avenue to Walker Avenue including a realignment of Bristol Avenue and 4 Mile Road, a traffic light at Cordes Avenue and widening 4 Mile Road.

Planner Becker is considering spending Community Development Block Grant monies for possible sidewalk completion areas in front of Checker's on Alpine Avenue and also the north side of 4 Mile Avenue in front of the dry cleaners.

Last week the Planning Commission reviewed step 1 of the redevelopment of the former UAW site on Alpine Avenue which would add access drives to some of the adjoining property.

Planner Becker is working on the Master List of CIP requests. Last year's CIP projects approved for implementation were:

- Purchase a Fire Department Medic Truck
- Township Center needs to have a legitimate storm water drain installed and construct sidewalks in front of the building which will involve extensive excavating. (Not completed)
- Improvements to Westgate Park
- Making the Alpine Township Fire Station #2 ADA compliant to use as a voting precinct.
- Repave Township parking lots

Planner Becker also let the ZBA members know Township will invite community residents and business owners to attend open houses at the Township Hall to gather addition information for the Master Plan revision.

Motion made by Schweitzer, supported by Roobol to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
Unanimously approved

Susan Becker, Planning Director

Mike O'Malley, Chair

Rose Kogge, Recording Secretary