

## **Ovid Township Planning Commission**

Branch County, Michigan

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2015

The **Ovid Township Planning Commission** met on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at Ovid Township Hall. Andy AcMoody called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Andy AcMoody, Dr. Sean Groves, Chris Donbrock, Ron Sampsel and Cheryl Downs

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Russell Jennings, Charlotte Knisely, Larry Omo, Christine Forrister

**Approval of Agenda:** Ron Sampsel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Sean Groves supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Donbrock moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. AcMoody supported the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** AcMoody shared a letter from Ron Cary and Tony Lasky, owners of Bella Vista Golf Course. The letter requests the property's PUD be reopened and potentially altered concerning restrictions on golf cart usage on Lake Drive and access to the lake via lots owned by Bella Vista. AcMoody stated the Ovid Township Board has asked the Planning Commission to review the request and determine if it warrants reopening the PUD. Board members reviewed township rules and regulations 18.06 and 18.07, which pertain to the reopening of existing PUD agreements. AcMoody reiterated that the board was not voting in support of, or in opposition to, the requested changes, but rather must decide whether or not the request for reopening the PUD is reasonable and valid. AcMoody asked for comments or questions from board members. Groves stated that he believes the requested PUD alterations of Cary and Lasky rise to the level of significant change and meet the criteria for reopening the PUD. AcMoody stated the next step in the process would involve Russ Jennings, Zoning Administrator, informing Cary and Lasky about the specific detailed information, paperwork, and procedures required to move ahead in the process as outlined in township zoning (18.06). Board members agreed that Cary and Lasky should be asked to attend the next Planning Commission meeting in order to answer any questions pertaining to their request. AcMoody thanked Jennings for his work organizing past minutes and other paperwork related to the PUD and suggested that board members take time to review the history and specifics of the

PUD. Sampsel made a motion to accept the request for reopening the Bella Vista Golf Course PUD. Motion was supported by Groves. MOTION CARRIED

**Zoning Administrator Comments:** Jennings presented the Zoning Report for November, 2015. One permit was issued for construction of a 20x20 structure on Sycamore Beach. Jennings stated the ZBA has two meetings scheduled for December 17, 2015. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Ovid Township Hall.

**Public Comment:** Christine Forrister stated she wanted to clarify that she is not opposed to people swimming in the area of the lots owned by the Bella Vista Golf Course. Her concerns are that she does not want to see the area become a public swimming beach.

**Adjournment:** Donbrock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Groves. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Cheryl Downs, Secretary

Recorded by: Charlotte Knisely