

**OID TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
BRANCH COUNTY
MICHIGAN
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2016**

The Ovid Township Planning Commission met on Tuesday April 5, 2016 at the Ovid Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy AcMoody at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Andy AcMoody, Ron Sampsel, Chris Donbrock and Cheryl Downs

Others: Christine FOrrister and Charoltte Knisely.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Sampsel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, he was supported by AcMoody and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Donbrock made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 as presented, the motion was supported by Sampsel and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bella Vista Zoning Administrator Jennings has confirmed that a fence off Par Three Place has been altered sometime in the past year to allow passage of golf carts. This is a direct violation of the terms of the PUD which specifies that the fence opening should be spaced to allow foot traffic only from the golf course. Board members discussed the matter and will refer the information to the Ovid Township Board to determine if there is a violation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of 573 S. Angola Road The Group Home is being used as an illegal drug house. AcMoody shared a letter from ZBA member Greg Gemmill about recent activity at this house. The property is being operated as a private group home in coordination with Damascus Road Ministries. Gemmill's letter states a drug bust was recently conducted on the property and that the operators have failed to make improvements as agreed to during the process to operate the home. Gemmill's letter also states possible junk ordinance violation and some of the neighboring properties... Gemmill is requesting that Ovid Township take action to get the area cleaned up. Board members agreed to wait a response from the Township Board and to follow up on the issue at the May meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Three permits were issued in March and two violations are reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Forrister of 690 Lake Drive asked if Bella Vista Golf Course owners Mr. Cary or Mr. Lasky have been in contact with the township about the PUD. Forrister asked if the PUD is reopened, would there be some restrictions maintained regarding access to the lake by the golf course. On a separate matter, Forrister stated that the docks constructed by neighbors on the

north and south of her property are so long that they block her view of the lake. Forrister said she had reviewed the Michigan Township Association regulations and she thinks that docks are not be longer than 100 feet without special exceptions. Forrister stated she was interested in working with her neighbors to construct a dock system that would work for everyone without blocking their views. AcMoody stated the Ovid Township's zoning does not specifically deal with dock length and perhaps Forrister could get more information from the DNR or DEQ.

ADJOURNMENT

Donbrock made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Motion was supported by Downs and the motions carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Cheryl Downs, Secretary

Recorded by: Charolotte Knisely