

**ROME TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
November 25, 2008**

Chair, Mike Griffith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Mike Griffith, Matt Minnick, Jeff Elwell, Kevin Fisher, Rick VanAkin, Matthew Zellen and Amy DeLine were all present;

**Others present:** Betty Jo Halliwill, Rich Yeider, Jerry Dills, Mark McCullough, Gordon Studnicka and his wife.

**MINUTES:** Kevin Fisher moved to approve the October 28th, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by Jeff Elwell, motion carried 6-0.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Jeff Elwell moved to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Rick Van, motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Board made progress on Civil Infractions Bureau. They also approved several general law ordinances.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** No Meeting

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** 4 Calls – 1 Started building a house without a permit. Still having issues with Budwit property, said he would clean it up.

**Please note at this time Mr. Zellen arrived to the meeting, so all votes will reflect 7.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR:** Mike Griffith attended the last Township Board meeting and they passed several General Law Ordinances they are as follows Ordinance # 08-001 ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, 08-002 STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE, 08-003 BLIGHT ELIMINATION ORDINANCE, 08-004 MUNICIPAL INFRACTION ORDINANCE, and 08-005 MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS PROCEDURES ORDINANCES.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Gordon Studnicka** – Mr. Studnicka is having issues with neighbor in the area of Shepherd Road and Springville Highway. He is in the process of selling his because of the issues he is having with his neighbors. They currently have a horse trailer directed towards his home saying something to the effect of “minding our own business”. Apparently they also try to drive him off the road and flip him off when he is outdoors. They are also currently running a dog kennel out of this property, with NO special use permit from the Township, but they do have a permit from the Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Studnicka has complained to the Sheriff’s Department and they are afraid of going over to the home.
2. **Continue conversation regarding power generating wind mills and outdoor wood stoves.** Planning Commission reviewed the Woodstock Township Zoning Ordinances regarding power generating wind mills. The Board agreed that an ordinance is needed. After reviewing for several minutes it agreed that the Wind Mill ordinances need to go to Township Lawyer. Kevin Fisher made a motion to send Woodstock Townships power generating wind mill ordinances to the Lawyer to draft a model for Rome Township. Matthew Zellen seconded, motion carried 7-0.  
The Board also reviewed the Woodstock Townships Outdoor wood stove ordinance as well. It was again agreed that an Ordinance was needed. It was agreed that Woodstock Townships Zoning Ordinance was very well written. **With that said it was agreed that the Township Lawyer should have a draft ready for review by the Planning Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. It should be drafted so it can be incorporated into the current Rome Township Zoning Ordinance.**  
Matthew Zellen made a motion to send Woodstock Townships outdoor wood stove ordinance to the Township Lawyer. Amy DeLine seconded, motion carried 7-0.
3. **Review Zoning Ordinance Amendment.** The Zoning Ordinance Amendment paperwork was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has scheduled a **Public Meeting for January 27, 2009, 7:00pm at the Rome Township Hall.**
4. **Continue conversation regarding Blight Definition.** Mike Griffith and Matt Minnick spoke to the Township Lawyer regarding this and were informed that this issue should not be added to Township Zoning Ordinance. Motion was made by Matthew Zellen to drop this issue, seconded by Amy DeLine, Motion carried 7-0

**MEETING DATES:** The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place January 27th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Matthew Zellen moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Rick VanAkin, motion carried 7-0.

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Matt Minnick  
Secretary  
Rome Township  
Planning Commission

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Mike Griffith  
Chairman  
Rome Township  
Planning Commission