

**ROME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 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, Rick VanAkin, Matthew Zellen, Kevin Fisher, Matt Minnick, Jeff Elwell were all present. Amy DeLine absent. Matt Minnick took notes.

Others present: David Hunt

MINUTES: Kevin Fisher moved to approve the January 22, 2008 meeting minutes, seconded by Rick VanAkin, motion carried 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: Matthew Zellen moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kevin Fisher, motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Discussion was raised at the Township Board meeting regarding cost saving options for the planning commission. Some ideas were reducing the number of meetings or planning commission members to 5. This will be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: No ZBA meeting last month.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Not Present

PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR: No Report.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Election of Officers:** Kevin Fisher moved to Nominate Mike Griffith for Planning Commission Chairman. Seconded by Rick VanAkin. Motion Carried 6-0. Jeff Elwell moved to Nominate Matt Minnick as Planning Commission Secretary seconded by Kevin Fisher. Motion Carried 6-0. Kevin Fisher moved to Nominate Matthew Zellen as Vice-Chair seconded by Jeff Elwell. Motion Carried 6-0.

2. **Mr. Hunt Public Hearing.** The public meeting for Mr. Hunt was opened at 7:28pm. Mr. Hunt would like to update his special use permit to reflect his new address. Question was asked regarding storing of equipment. Equipment will be stored indoors or out of sight. Kevin Fisher moved to approve the special use permit. Seconded by Matthew Zellen. Motion carried 6-0. **The planning commission recommends the approval of the special user permit for Mr. David Hunt.** Jeff Elwell moved to close the public hearing for Mr. Hunt and it was seconded by Mr. Fisher. Motion Carried 6-0.
3. **Ideas Regarding Land Use Map:** Lengthy discussion regarding land use map. Mr. Zellen recommended making entire length of US 223 C1 from the road to 1000 yards in. Areas that are currently zoned will have areas on either side of it zoned C2. Mr. Elwell raised concern regarding Ag Estates in the township as well. Mr. Zellen recommended we table the issue until the next meeting. Mr. Elwell seconded. **The issue has been tabled until next meeting.** Motion Carried 6-0.
4. **Discussion Regarding Cost Saving Ideas for the Planning Commission:** Several ideas regarding cost saving for the planning commission were mentioned at the planning commission meeting. Mr. Griffith recommended we reduce the number of meetings from every month to every other month. Other ideas were raising the cost special use meetings to cover the cost of the meeting. Mr. Zellen moved to table the issue. Mr. Fisher seconded. **The issue has been tabled until the next meeting.** Motion carried 6-0.

MEETING DATES: The next Planning Commission Meeting will take place March 25th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Matthew Zellen moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Kevin Fisher, carried 6-0.

Matt Minnick
Rome Township
Planning Commission