

MEETING MINUTES
LITTLE SUAMICO PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, May 1, 2008
7:00 P.M. Town Hall

Plan Commission Members Present: Allan Murphy, Keith Helmle, Elmer Ragen,
Tim Hogan, Doug Allen

Plan Commission Members Absent: Terry Malcheski, Wess Damro

Town Planning Consultant: Nic Sparacio

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Elmer Ragen read the opening meeting statement. The agenda was properly posted to notice the meeting.

Business #1: A motion to change the sequence of the items on the agenda, ie: move #6 (Bay Lakes) to before #3 (Helmle Construction) and insert Joe and Brenda DeVale to #5B. Motion was made by Keith Helmle. Seconded by Doug Allen, motion passed.

Then, a motion to accept the new agenda was made by Doug Allen, seconded by Tim Hogan. Motion passed.

Business #2: Motion to accept the April 3rd minutes as presented was made by Keith Helmle. Seconded by Doug Allen. Motion passed. Tim Hogan Abstained.

Business #6: Bay Lakes Regional Planning - Discussion on Town Plan - Motion by Tim Hogan to table the discussion with Bay Lakes to a separate meeting on May 20th, at 7:00PM. Seconded by Keith Helmle. Motion Passed.

Business #3: Helmle Construction - E. Frontage Rd.

Scott Helmle presented plans for a new building to be built next to their existing building. Scott presented the building, site design and color design. After discussion by the board a motion was made by Doug Allen of having no objection to this project. Motion was seconded by Tim Hogan. Motion Passed. Keith Helmle abstained from voting.

Business #4: Robert Piper - Conditional use for a farm implement repair shop on South Chase Rd.

Our Planning Consultant advised the board that our job would be to identify the pro's and con's of this project to make sure this was a good fit for the area and to identify the conditions that would have to be met to assure harmony in this area.

Mr. Piper presented his plan for the agriculture repair shop. Included in this were plans for the building, plans for the site and hours of business activity.

After discussion with Mr. Piper, Elmer Ragen opened the floor for comments from people in the audience.

In Favor Of:

Robert Golik - He was in favor of this to help the area farmers and had questions as to the time frame for planting the trees for borders.

Ed Ingalls - He said that once the tree's are grown up you will hardly be able to see the building from the road.

Bob Piper Sr. - He stated that the noise in the area is already greater than it was 30 yrs. ago.

Bob Plantino - Noise is not going to be a problem.

Not In Favor Of:

Tony Steinhagen - Opposed to the business going next to his home. This is a residential area and he was worried about pollution, noise, dust and traffic problems.

Sara Jergon - Opposed to the project on the grounds of noise caused by additional traffic, water run-off and road bans in the spring.

Mike Michaud - It is not in our present town plan.

Nicol Husencraft - The hours as prescribed will not be obeyed - concerned about longer hours.

Scott Husencraft - Worried about property devaluation and the different types of equipment now being used in farming.

Jim Watzka - Because of the wetland around the area, he thought the area would not be best suited for this use.

Sean Jerovetz - He stated that a repair business should be in a industrial or commercial area. He was concerned about the water quality and traffic problems.

Sheri McCalster - Opposed to a repair shop in this area.

Scott James - Opposed to a repair shop in this area.

Roland DeVilears - Opposed

After a lot of discussion with people for and against, the commission needs more information as to what type of building that Mr. Piper is going to have, as to the wetland issue, etc. So the commission decided to table this until their next meeting on June 5th. A motion was made to table this issue to the June 4th, 2008 meeting by Doug Allen and was seconded by Tim Hogan. Motion passed.

Business #5: Robert and Norene Walters - Variance for the creation of 2 sub standard sized lots.

In talking with the Walters and proposed new buyers, they decided they might split the lots differently.

Motion to table this until June 5th meeting was made by Tim Hogan. Seconded by Allan Murphy, motion passed.

Business #5B: Joe and Brenda DeVale. They obtained some information as to their greenhouse business and to what the county was telling them. They will keep the commission up to date on what is happening.

Business #7: Public Discussion - Nothing

Motion to adjourn made by Keith Helmle seconded by Allan Murphy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.