

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP  
*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
ALLEGAN COUNTY

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MAY 18, 2009 7pm

1. **Call to Order.**  
Jerome Bush called the quarterly meeting of the Fillmore Township Planning Commission to order. Chuck Schaap opened with prayer.
2. **Roll Call.**  
Members Present: Jerome Bush, Chuck Schaap, Fred VanTubergen, Daniel Seymour, and David Brink.  
Public Attendance Roster: 20.
3. **Late Agenda Items.**  
None.
4. **Public Hearing.**  
A Public Hearing was opened to consider the request of James & Sharon Gillespie and Ken & Eleanor Overweg to rezone Parcel #0306-011-022-00 located at 4441 52<sup>nd</sup> St., consisting of 37 acres from A-2 AG to R-1 Residential.  
The public notice was read as published in the Holland Sentinel.  
Property owners stated that the property is a family farm, which the heirs desire to split into parcels some of which could be less than the 10 acres minimum requirement of the A-2 zone. Since the Land Use Plan is R-1 Residential, the property owners are requesting the change to allow the smaller lot splits.  
No one spoke in opposition.  
Public Hearing was closed.  
A motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and supported by Chuck Schaap to recommend approval of the rezoning as requested for the following reasons:
  - a. Fit the Land Use plan.
  - b. No objections.
  - c. Required to allow for smaller splits.

PASSED 5-0.
5. **Approval of Planning Commission Minutes February 16, 2009.**  
A motion was brought by Chuck Schaap and supported by David Brink to approve the February 16, 2009 minutes as printed.  
PASSED 5-0.
6. **Public Hearing.**  
A Public Hearing was opened to consider a Special Use Permit request from Terry Perysian 5216 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Parcel #0306-022-020-00 to establish and maintain a dog kennel. This parcel is zoned A-1 AG Zone.  
The public notice was read as published in the Holland Sentinel.

Mr. Perysian's reason for his request is to enable his to be compliant with the Township Ordinance in regards to the keeping of his seven Siberian Huskies.

No one spoke in opposition.

Neighbors were concerned that if the Special Use Permit was granted it could go with the property and a subsequent owner could use the permit in a way that could be undesirable. Public Hearing was closed.

Planning Commission Discussion:

Chairman Jerome Bush stated that an annual kennel inspection by the Allegan County Animal Control would safe guard any misuse of the Special Use Permit. The Township Supervisor must sign the annual inspection.

A motion was brought by Fred VanTubergen and supported by Chuck Schaap to approve the Special Use Permit as requested.

Vote 5-0. PASSED.

**7. Fillmore Township Planning Commission – Zoning Ordinance Amendments.**

- a. Should wind turbines be allowed in zones other than A-1 and A-2?  
Chairman Bush will consult with other Townships concerning the location of wind turbines in zones other that AG
- b. Discussion was continued from the February 16, 2009 meeting.  
Is article J on page 15-2 consistent with the original intent adopted on August 8, 1991, or should the wording be changed to only allow a one time split from a parent parcel of a farmstead only if that farmstead was in existence before August 8, 1991.  
Could the minimum frontage be reduced from the current 333 feet to 200 feet to allow more flexibility in splitting?

**8. Next Meeting Date.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission is June 15, 2009 at 7p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Brink, Secretary  
Fillmore Township Planning Commission