

BRANCH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

February 6, 2007

Members Present: David Bell, Norman Bertasavage, John Kunigonis, Scott Shinkle, Laine Gerhes

Visitors Present: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Doyle, Mr. Petrosky, Laura & John Burke

The meeting was held in the Branch Township Memorial Building and opened at 7:08 P.M. The minutes from the previous meeting of December 5, 2006 were read. Bertasavage made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Gerhes, and all approved.

A reorganization meeting was held. Kunigonis made a motion to keep the officers the same as last year. David Bell/chairman, Norman Bertasavage/ vice-chairman, substitute secretary, John Kunigonis/ secretary. The Motion was seconded by Bertasavage, and all approved

The expiration dates of the members terms area as follows:

2007	Lane Gerhes
2008	Norman Bertasavage
2009	Scott Shinkle
2010	David Bell
2011	John Kunigonis

Old Business:

The Koury annexation plan was revised by the surveyor to show both magnetic north and meridian north. Gerhes made a motion to accept the plan, seconded by Bertasavage and all approved.

The Marko Land co. Minor subdivision was returned and approved by the county. Bertasavage made a motion to accept the plan and forward it to the supervisors, seconded by Gerhes and all approved.

New Business:

There is a request for a variance on a property in the Steins Mills area own by Ton and Carol Doyle. The buyers, Laura and John Burke, are requesting the variance before purchasing the property. The lot is located in a S-2 zoned area. There are no building regulations for this area. However, there are presently other dwelling located in this same S-2 zoned area. The variance would allow a new dwelling to be built in the S-2 zoned area. If the variance is approved, then a survey would have to be done to provide a record and locations of the property. Gerhes made a motion to recommend approval of the variance by the zoning hearing board. The motion was seconded by Bertasavage and all approved. A letter will be sent to Rick Yutko, chairman of the zoning board. A previous proposal by the DoYLES was withdrawn when the Burke plan was recommended for approval.

Miscellaneous Business:

There was no miscellaneous business.

Bertasavage made a motion to adjourn, second by Kunigonis