

**Village of Pinckney
Planning Commission Meeting
February 4, 2008**

Call to Order: Chairperson Austin called the meeting to order at 7:53 pm.

Roll Call: Present - Reed Starkey, Robert MacDonald, Allison Austin and Mike Gergel.
Absent – Nancy Powell, Dan Krueger, and Don Bego

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda:

Chairperson Austin stated that the “Planner Discussion” agenda item will be deleted from tonight’s agenda.

Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to approve the agenda as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of January 7, 2008 Minutes:

Commissioner MacDonald noted a small error on Page 3 of the minutes. Under the heading “**Review of Goals and Objectives for Master Plan**”, it should read “*Chairperson Austin asked if any Commissioner had any further.....*”

Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Gergel, to approve the minutes as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Reports:

Chairperson: Chairperson Austin had nothing to report this evening.

Secretary-Correspondence: Commissioner MacDonald had nothing to report this evening.

Zoning Administrator: Mr. Martel stated Century 21 and Pirates Cove are still on hold awaiting further information from them.

Livingston Planners: Mr. Barb had nothing to report this evening.

Public Forum: Chairperson Austin opened the Public Forum at 7:58 pm with no response.

Agenda

Zoning Amendments

Mr. Martel reviewed the changes he is proposing to Section 18.01 – Permits, Item A: Remove the last sentence that states “Proof of Building Department approval shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator with the sign Permit application”.

Commissioner MacDonald agrees. He does not feel the Village needs proof that the County has approved the electricity of a sign. This is what the County should enforce so it is not the Village's responsibility.

Mr. Berg agrees that this amendment is sufficient and accomplishes what the Village wants.

Moved by Commissioner Gergel, seconded by Commissioner MacDonald, to recommend to the Village Council deleting the last sentence of Section 18.01 – Permits, Item A of the ordinance. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Martel reviewed the changes he is proposing to make to Sections 2.01 – Definitions (Swimming Pool) and Section 16.02 – Supplementary Use Regulations, Item H. Swimming Pools.

Chairperson Austin suggested deleting the last sentence of Sections 4 and 5 where it advises applicants they can obtain a copy of the Livingston County Building Ordinance at the Village office as well as the reference to the County's ordinance. This is not consistent with the rest of the Village Ordinance. The County code is not usually cited.

Mr. Martel suggested changing Item #3 of Section 16.02, Item H in order to be consistent.

Moved by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Gergel, to recommend to the Village Council the following amendments:

Section 2.01 Definitions

Swimming Pool. Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24" (inches) deep. This includes in-ground, above-ground, and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas located on a lot as an accessory use to a residential or recreational use.

Section 16.02 Supplemental Use Regulations

H. Swimming Pools

3. *For the protection of the general public, swimming pool enclosure, gating and access control, and overhead clearance shall comply with the State of Michigan Construction Code requirements, as implemented by the Livingston County Building Department.*
4. *On-ground and above-ground pools greater than 30" in height up to 48" must have a code approved barrier around them and meet the requirements of the Livingston County Building Department.*

5. *All other on-ground and above-ground pools which are 48” or greater in height have alternative methods for complying with the barrier requirements of the Livingston County Building Department.*

Mr. Martel reviewed his proposed changes to the setback requirements for outbuildings.

Mr. Barb noted that the five-foot yard setback proposed with this ordinance amendment as well as the proposed five-foot yard setback change for sheds may cause problems in the future with structures being so close to the property line, other outbuildings, and fences. This can decrease the quality of life of residents in the Village caused to debris, blight, etc. A five-foot setback is an urban standard and Pinckney wants to stay rural. He suggests making the setback requirements the same as the principal structure for each zoning district. The requirement needs to benefit the residents and allowing structures to be erected too close to each other does not do that.

Chairperson Austin suggested tabling this item for further review and discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Starkey, seconded by Commissioner Gergel, to table the discussion regarding setbacks on outbuildings until next month’s meeting. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Public Forum: Chairperson Austin opened the Public Forum at 8:47 pm with no response.

Member Discussion:

PC Training and calendar

Chairperson Austin stated Commissioners that signed up for the training, please begin and continue the training.

Commissioner MacDonald noted the recent trend of people using P.O.D.’s for moving purposes. It is a trailer-type “box” that you can keep on your property and load your items onto it. Most people use it for moving; however, it is not a permanent structure and people could possibly use it for storage. He suggested writing an ordinance to address these types of storage containers. It would be a way for the Village to be proactive.

Chairperson Austin noted that the election of offices, Chairperson and Secretary, will be held in May. If you are interested in holding any of those positions, please advise.

Adjournment: **Moved** by Commissioner MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Starkey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. **The motion carried unanimously.**