

Tontitown Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes 12/23/08

1. **Roll Call 7:25 PM-** All Commissioners present, except Joey Pinalto. Also present: Mark Dossett, City Attorney, Todd Witzigman, Building Official & Code Enforcer, and Mick Wagner
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Ranalli stated that Item 1 should be changed to 7:25 PM and Item 3 should be changed to 11/25/08. A motion made by Ranalli to accept the agenda as amended and 2nd by Fantinel, motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes for 11/23/08 meeting** - A motion made by Brandt to approve the minutes as written and 2nd by Fantinel, motion passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business**
 - A. None
5. **New Business**
 - A. None
6. **Reoccurring Items:**
 - A. **Discussion of conflicts of Ordinances and or changes needed** - Witzigman stated that Ryder has applied for a sign permit. They have decided they want to put a sign on Highway 412, but the ordinance states that one sign has to be on site and one on the building. Bolinger questioned how many businesses potentially would want to do the same. Witzigman stated that currently there are some businesses that are located on different roads who have signs along sign the highway. Wagner stated that there was an easement allowing the previous owner, Countryside Farm & Lawn, to put a sign on the highway. Bolinger asked what possible solutions would correct the problem. Witzigman stated by allowing a variance this would add to the many signs that are already in this area. But, also, businesses might be discouraged from coming into the industrial park. Bowling stated that at her business she has had many people ask where certain businesses are and her opinion is there should be some kind of sign showing what businesses are there. Witzigman stated that there are common signs that list all the businesses in an area. Dossett stated that he isn't sure what other cities do, but the ordinance in place only allows for the businesses to apply for a variance. This could cause a problem with other businesses. Granata stated that Rogers has an ordinance similar to Tontitown. A variance could be granted for one sign listing all the businesses. Dossett stated that the sign ordinance would need to be amended to include this, so that a variance wouldn't be needed. Granata stated that he would drive around to other cities and take pictures of different signs.

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- 7. Review Items for placement on City Council agenda** - Fantinel questioned when new officers should be voted on. Dossett stated that there should be members appointed by the next meeting, so there will be a full quorum. As vice chair, Granata could stand in and get the meeting started. Bolinger stated that there would be nothing to report to the city council except the replacements for himself and Bowling. He stated that the only ones so far are Mick Wagner and Lou Sharp.

- 8. Comments from Commissioners** - Bowling stated that she resigns from the Planning Commission. Granata thanked Bolinger and Bowling for being part of the commission . Bolinger stated that he is honored to be a part of it. Bolinger stated that he resigns from the Planning Commission.

- 9. Adjourn** - A motion to adjourn made by Bowling and 2nd by Ranalli, motion passed unanimously.