

TOWN OF TURTLE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2007 7:00PM

- 1) **Call to Order-** Commission Chair Roger Anclam called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- 2) **Roll Call / Quorum –** Commission members present were Don Jones, Mike Schaefer, Shelly Hahn, Bill Walter, Bill Kutz, and Roger Anclam. Also present were Town Attorney, Bill Henderson and Zoning Administrator, Mike Birkholz.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda-** Don Jones made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Kutz seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 4) **Public Notices – Future Meetings –** The next Planning meeting is August 15, 2007.
- 5) **Citizen Questions/Comments -** none
- 6) **Zoning Administrator Report-** Mike Birkholz gave a report on permits issued, 1 building, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing and 1 driveway.
- 7) **Commission Comments-** none
- 8) **Approval of Minutes-**
 - a) **June 20, 2007 –** Bill Kutz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Shelly Hahn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Hearing 7:30 p.m. Rock Energy Cooperative Conditional Use Permit- Bill Henderson called the public hearing to order. Rock Energy Coop is represented by Dave Collins, of Collins & Henderson. Bill Henderson excused himself from conversation due to relationship to the parties involved. Denny Schultz, Operations Supervisor for Rock Energy Coop presented plans to put an electrical substation in at the corner of S. Turtle Town Hall road and Colley Road. Mr. Schultz showed pictures of another substation as example of the proposed substation. Mr. Shultz explained that the area is growing and engineering studies showed this area to be the best place to install another substation.

Dan and Elizabeth Baroni, 4603 E. State Road 67, were present and had concerns about the placement of the substation. The Baroni family is opposed to the location.

The commission requested further information from Rock Energy Cooperative, including; Engineering reports on load center and optional locations; a report on the percentage of power outsource distribution; a sketch of the proposed facility. All information should be submitted by Aug. 5, 2007.

Don Jones made a motion to postpone decision for 1 month to gather more information from Rock Energy Cooperative. Shelly Hahn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9) Unfinished Business –

- a) **Driveway Ordinance-** Bill Henderson presented the changed and final copy of the Driveway Ordinance. Don Jones made a motion to recommend approval as presented, with approval by the Fire Chief, the Police Department and the Highway Department to the Town Board. Bill Walter seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **State Statute Act 81 and 112 Non conforming Uses-** Don Jones made a motion to make a recommendation to approve Act 81 and 112 to the Town Board. Mike Shaefer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10) New Business-

- a) **Discussion with Dr. Rodriguez, 2100 East Ridge Road** – A complaint was turned into the Clerk’s office referring to Dr. Rodriguez operating a business at 2100 East Ridge Road without a Conditional Use Permit. Dr. Rodriguez was invited to the Planning Commission meeting to discuss the matter. Dr. Rodriguez explained that he is a Veterinarian for large animals and presently runs his practice from a mobile unit. All supplies are house in his truck with the exception of some bandaging supplies and records. All phone calls are on a business cell phone and all vet calls are made on animals owner’s site. There was concern about the safety of the vehicle use to house medical equipment and/or medicines. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the housing on his truck was professionally installed with proper locks and is impact and fire proof. Mr. Rodriguez also explained that he intends this to be a temporary, and that he intends to build a clinic in the area. The Commission did not see any reason to pursue the need for a Conditional Use Permit.
- b) **AT & T Utility Easement in connection with US Cellular Tower-** AT&T had issued another plan that included their equipment on the inside of the fenced area, as opposed to the plan submitted earlier that required an easement outside of the fenced area.

11) Adjournment- Mike Palubinski made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Bill Kutz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Julseth
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer