

Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-May 7, 2025

1. **Call to Order**-Vice-Chair Cronenwett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call Present:** Tarchala, Cronenwett, Schultz Marshall, Reiter
Absent and Excused: Paquin. **Not Present:** David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Marshall to approve the agenda as amended by Cronenwett. Item 6-Public Hearing-VanNiman.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes**-Motion by Reiter second by Marshall to approve the minutes of April 2, 2025 as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing

Sue Creager-question in regards to the Planning Commission goals for 2025 looking at alternative energy sources as noted in January 2025 meeting.

Nancy Mollhagen-Bruce Jaska-comment in regards to receiving public input on alternative energy sources.

6. **Public Hearing-Jennifer and Tammy VanNiman**-Special Land use for a non-commercial dog kennel (over 10 dogs).

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:37 PM.

Van Niman-gave overview of project. Before there was not enough space to accommodate dogs, house was closer to the road. This new addition will be located back farther on the property, have more space and be insulated.

Bruce Jaska-speaking on behalf of daughter, who lives across the road. Letter submitted to Planning Commission in regards to issue with noise at previous kennel site. Presented noise suppression suggestions that could be implemented at kennel site.

Swartz-builder of new kennel will address noise issues, including insulation, outside blinds as well. The location of the new kennel is farther away from the original

Nancy Mollhagen-question in regards to how many dogs are allowed in Agriculture zoning. Natural features, trees, bushes would help containing sound as well.

Dale Sumlin-neighbors, supports the neighbors venture (business). Did previously hear barking, but the new location of the kennel could be beneficial.

Motion by Marshall second by Tarchala to close the Public Hearing 7:08 PM.

Jennifer and Tammy VanNiman, 68333 County Road 652. Special land use and site plan for a non-commercial dog kennel (over 10 dogs).

Cronenwett reviewed David Jirousek overview of the applicant's request.

Van Niman stated that she is a shower/breeder of dogs and not a commercial breeder.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Marshall to recommend that the Special land use and site plan for a non-commercial dog kennel be approved based on the following:

1. All necessary county permits for the use (kennel license and septic well, if applicable) be secured.
2. Maximum number of dogs, such as no more than 30 (thirty).
3. Partitions on inside kennel and on outside walk as well for virtual blocking be installed.

Roll Call Vote-Tarchala-yes, Cronenwett-yes, Schultz-yes, Marshall-yes, Reiter-yes
Motion carried.

7. Additional Comments and Communications

Cronenwett-Informed commissioners that she and Paquin will not be in attendance for the June meeting.

- 8. Adjournment-**Motion by Tarchala second by Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.
All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise M. Schultz".

Denise M. Schultz, Secretary