

Harpersfield Township Zoning Commission

Harpersfield Town Hall

April 11, 2011

RE: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Hugh Marshall at 7:00 PM.

Present were Hugh Marshall, Chairman; Pete Roper, Board Member; Bob Alderman, guest; Ed Demshar, Trustee; Jim Pristov, Trustee; Cliff Henry, Trustee; Everett Henry, Fire Chief; Ron Clutter, guest; Ron Valitsky, guest, Jeff Burkholder, Board Member and Bill Douglass, guest.

The minutes of the March 4, 2011 meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Jeff to accept the minutes as read; the motion was seconded by Pete. The minutes were approved as read.

Hugh explained that Ron Clutter was here to give us more information about the GaREAT Complex, in particular, the new pool building. Ron stated that they had a lot of new things going on and was asked to go to the front to draw on the board so everyone would have a clearer understanding of what he was talking about. He started with the West end of the building, explaining that this would be two stories, open to the top, with a food court /nutrition center on the bottom and upstairs would also feature tables and chairs, but would be open to view the area below. He stated that this would not be a typical food court like you would find in the other buildings, but would feature healthy, nutritional food.

Moving on to the first pool building, this will house an Olympic size pool with two moving bulkheads, which will be instrumental in modifying the size of the pool to fit the need. It will have 10 lanes, each 50 meters long, but with the moving bulkheads, the length of the lanes may be changed.

The second pool will be warmer, will have 8 lanes, and will be wheel chair accessible. Another section of the building will have rehab pools, a hot plunge pool and a cold plunge pool, as well as a 22,000 square foot fitness center. Other plans for the facility include a sports medical center and an area of classrooms to accommodate students involved in a sports academy.

The aim is to bring in international athletes and to provide a place where they can train. A hotel with a causeway across the road from the pool building was also mentioned in the proposal. This way anyone staying at the hotel would have access to the pool building as well as the rest of the facility. Ron also explained that they would like to provide a facility where individuals with disabilities needing long term therapy could come and stay. These would not have to be athletes, but may be anyone needing this type of therapy, such as people injured in accidents or returning veterans. The location for this facility has yet to be determined.

Ron also stated that this facility currently has 280,000 square feet of space, and has changed from the original design of two buildings.

Other plans for the facility include the Big 10 track meet for 2013-2014. An opening ceremony will be held on May 4th for the pool building, with a well know athlete, events at both of the other buildings, and all local news media.

Old Business:

The Resolution deeming the Zoning Inspector as an agent of the Zoning Commission was reviewed, it was noted that one sentence was changed to state that members of the Zoning Commission were employees of the township, but did not maintain an office.

A motion to accept the wording change was made by Pete and seconded by Jeff. A roll call vote was taken with the following results, Jeff, Yes; Pete, Yes; Hugh, Yes.

There was no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Pete and seconded by Jeff, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Miller, Clerk

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