

**WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, July 13, 2009 7:00 PM**

The monthly meeting of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairperson Jim Deming. Members present: Jim Deming, Ed Woodhams, Jerry Hamelink, Delbert Burr, and Barbara Thole. Also present were Supervisor Doug Byas and Citizen John B. Fritz.

There was a motion made by Woodhams and supported by Hamelink to approve the June 2009 minutes with an amendment to reflect that the village of Fulton is not zoned as agricultural but instead is zoned R1/R4 as stated in Ordinance #22. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Woodhams and supported by Hamelink to open the public hearing for discussion of a request from John B. Fritz to be granted a Special Use Exemption at the location of 13185 East W Avenue, Fulton for the purpose of installing a large 30,000 gallon propane storage tank for farm use. Mr. Fritz presented a photograph of the property along with a document from S&F Propane L.L.C. (Document No. 1) describing the equipment and devices necessary to put the project in compliance with NFPA 58, Edition 2008 and all applicable DEQ rules and regulations. Also presented was a diagram (Document No. 2) showing the location of the proposed tank on the property in relation to other buildings. There was discussion by the members, with questions to Mr. Fritz for clarification purposes. Mr. Fritz stated that this tank will eliminate approximately 50% of the small propane tanks currently being used for farming operations at the various locations farmed by Mr. Fritz. The tank will be inspected annually by DEQ. South County Fire Authority will be made familiar with the set-up of the tank for safety purposes. The area with the pumps and controls will be fenced and locked (at one end of tank). The estimated size of the tank is 10 Feet by 40 Feet. There will be three remote shut off switches run by air. There will be cemented posts surrounding the tank to prevent anything from hitting it. The propane will be used for drying grain and at the hog facility. After delivering in the Fulton area, S&F will pickup propane from the large tank and deliver to the smaller remaining tanks no more than 15 miles from Fulton.

At the end of the discussion, a motion was made by Burr and supported by Hamelink. The motion was as follows:

The Wakeshma Township Planning Commission recommends that the Wakeshma Township Regular Board grant a Special Use Exemption as requested by John B. Fritz for the purpose of installing a large propane storage tank for farm use at 13185 East W Avenue according to the stipulations of Document 1 (S&F Propane LLC) and Document 2 (diagram showing proposed location of tank).

The vote was by roll call.

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Deming-Yes
Woodhams-Yes
Hamelink-Yes
Burr-Yes
Thole-Yes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Woodhams and supported by Hamelink to close the public hearing at 7:47 PM. The motion carried.

The Planning Commission meeting continued with new business.

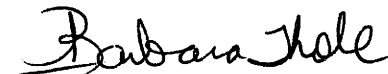
There was discussion regarding Ordinance #22 which states that Fulton is zoned R1/R4. Woodhams stated that the legal description of Fulton appears to be correct but that he would like to measure it with a wheel. He also noted that there will have to be provision made for commercial business in Fulton.

The agenda for next month will again be the land use plan. We can use the plan we have by updating the information that has changed since the last plan was written. Some of this information can be obtained from the Township Clerk and Treasurer.

Woodhams asked if the cleanup is complete on the property demolished at the corner of 42nd and W in Fulton. The regular Township Board will need to answer that question at the August meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Deming and supported by Burr. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:



Barbara Thole
Secretary-Planning Commission