

## Rural Southwest Neighborhood Planning Council

196 Minges Hills Drive

Battle Creek MI 49015

20 Jan 2011

Minutes from Meeting on 11 Jan 2011

Members Present: Harry Zimmerman, Linda Morris, Shelby Winslow, Bob Harland, Charles & Joanne Heinrich and Mike Fatt

City Representative: Chris Hilton

This meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m.

November minutes were approved with corrections. Regarding 12800 S. Minges, Chris Hilton stated that "Under the Land Division Act, the property owner may divide the parcel into four parts in a 10 year span. If more than four splits are sought, the owner would have to pursue a PURD." The balance of Chris comments were accurately recorded.

Old Business:

Regarding Advantage Physical Therapy: Chris Hilton advised that Advantage fulfilled the requirement to plant additional trees and replace the dead one. There is still brush that needs to be removed and mowing to be done in the spring. Chris will continue to monitor progress on this matter.

Road Maintenance on S. Minges. Clarification was requested on the nature of this comment and a specific location. It resulted in Melissa clarifying that she was referring to the area immediately south of Beckley and that she feels the Chip and Tar method of resurfacing is insufficient for a road with as much traffic as S. Minges gets.

Also regarding road work, questions were raised as to the road construction on Lois Drive . What is it? Water lines? Gas pipeline? Chris will check and advise.

New Business:

During December, we received e-mails from two residents on S. Minges who were being bothered by dogs who were roaming unleashed off the owner's property. As a result of conversation with an Animal Control Officer, they were asking for clarification regarding whether this was a violation, depending on how the property is zoned (ie. is it a violation even if the property is zoned Ag or

R1R)? This question was conveyed to Chris Hilton, who checked with the City Attorney's Office and advised that under the State's Leash Law, Dogs (except working dogs such as leader dogs, guard dogs, farm dogs, hunting dogs, when accompanied by their owner or his authorized agent, while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained) may not roam unleashed off the owners property regardless of how it is zoned. This clarification was also conveyed to Animal Control Officers.

Child Day Care- Chris Hilton stated that the City will be looking at license compliance in this matter. She explained that day care for one to six children may be done without a permit, but with more than six a special use permit is required.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

***Next Meeting: 8 February 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Southside Bible Church***  
*Please note the meeting time*