

Planning Commission
Preliminary Meeting Notes
January 8th, 2020

- Call to Order:** Tarkowski opened meeting at 7:00 p.m..
- Roll Call:** Tarkowski, Mason, Johnson, Pachulski, Malone, Pike.
Absent: Ostrander
- Approval of Agenda:** Mason made a motion to move item X. F. Home Occupation to next month agenda and add Election of Officers after Approval of Agenda, with a second from Johnson. Passed 6-0.
- Election of Officers:** Mason made a motion to keep the same Planning Commission Officers. Tarkowski as Chair, Mason as Vice Chair and Johnson as Secretary. Johnson seconded the motion. Passed 6-0.
- Approval of Minutes:** Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 4th, 2019 with a second from Pachulski. Passed 6-0.
- Public Comment:** **None**
- Correspondence:** **A.) Zoning Administrator Report**
- Roger gave everyone a copy of his report and addressed updates. He stated there was not much change of updates to complaints and said it was a busier this year than the previous one.

B.) Board MTG Report

Johnson stated at the December Board meeting, Daller read correspondence from Life EMS that Jani Millars was retiring and new contact person would be Craig Dodge. She also said Ionia County Prosecuting Attorney, Kyle Butler came in as a guest and did a presentation on IM Safe, Ionia and Montcalm Secure and Friendly Environment Child Advocacy Center. Johnson said Daller told everyone the TWP was having issue with the pump pressure tank and would look into getting estimates to have it fixed. The Board approved the amended land division at 6199 Zahm rd. Daller also gave all Board members a budget schedule for January through March.

C.) ZBA Report

Mason stated at the December meeting they had 2 public hearings. 1 for Jeff Hunter and 1 for Patrick Haney. Both had issues with signs and both were approved. The ZBA also approved the 2020 calendar schedule of proposed meeting dates.

Unfinished Business: 5 Year Plan

Roger stated he had not received the draft back from the TWP Attorney yet. He said he should have it back by February Planning Commission. Emma, the TWP Planner will be here for the February meeting. He also said at one time the board mentioned having the planner present the changes in the 5 Year Plan at the Board meeting and asked Johnson to ask the Board if that is something they still wanted to do.

New Business:

A.) Richards Septic System

Richards's septic dumps sewer out on Dietz rd. Every 5 years they have to get approval to continue to do it. Mason made a motion to approve Richards Septic System dumping of waste with a second from Pike. Passed 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

A.) Rules for the Playground

Everyone had a copy of the rules for park and recreation ordinance. The example came from the insurance risk par plan agency. The example had a lot of material in it that did not pertain to our park and pavilion. The Planning Commission agreed to have Johnson edit the example and bring a more suitable one to next meeting. They also asked Johnson to ask the Board opinion on carrying weapons and having animals.

B.) Wing Energy Conversion System

Roger stated Brian, the TWP Planner, reviewed the proposed wind ordinance. Brian said it was a great ordinance. Roger said the question Brian had was what zone was this going to be place in? Roger will ask Brian if what we had for the solar ordinance, 40 Acres or more would be big enough.

C.) Chickens Ordinance 1.439

Roger stated he was waiting to hear back from the Attorney and that Brian, TWP Planner, said the ordinance was good to go. Mason made a motion to put ordinance 1.439 out for public hearing with a second from Johnson. Passed 6-0.

D.) Review /Discuss 2016-01 / 1.438 (D) / Rec. Veh. Ord

This ordinance deals with the parking and storage of Recreational Vehicles. Roger stated that if section D in 1.438 was replaced and incorporated into the language of Ordinance 2016-01 it would correct the issue that is being contradictory. Johnson made a motion to put out for public hearing to make that change, with a second from Pachulski. Passed 6-0.

E. Ordinance Book

Roger reminded the planning commission that The TWP Board still would like to get these done and paid for in this fiscal year, which ends March 31st, 2020. He would like to see the complete book go to the printer in February to have done by March. He also said in reviewing the ordinances, to make sure they were all addressed he came across an issue that was not in the book. How to address large shipping containers being used for storage as an out building or not be allowed. Roger stated he will get with the TWP Planner and get some language and suggestions on what we should have.

Public Comment:

Kristie Walls suggested the Planning Commission ask for budget funds to update website. Also ask for funds to update new ordinance book. She also asked if the TWP Planner had a retainer and if so does that include a number of hours before being billed hourly. Kristie suggested The TWP abide by all Michigan Firearm Laws to make enforcement easy. She also asked if for the storage containers could the Accessory Building Ordinance. She suggested a bulleted ordinance checklist.

Closing Comments: None

Adjourn: First by Pike with a second from Mason at 8:45 PM.
Passed 6-0.