

**ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 10, 2017**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
 - B. Those present were Mike Buese, Jim Connell, Ted Heckman, Marty Ruitter, Jeremy Dutkiewicz. Those absent were Keith Behm and Chad Kruithoff. Also present were Mr. Lyle Whitney, Mr. Edward Whitney, Supervisor Schulz and Clerk Linda Evans.

- II. Swear in New Planning Commission Member
 - A. Clerk Evans swore in Jeremy Dutkiewicz as member of Planning Commission.

- III. Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2017 Meeting
 - A. Chair Heckman asked if there were any questions or corrections to the May 8, 2017 minutes
 - B. Connell/Heckman made motion to approve the minutes as submitted which passed with aye vote.

- IV. Special Use Permit – Lyle Edward Whitney
 - A. Chair Heckman asked the members if there were any questions?
 - B. Buese asked if Mr. Whitney has any back ground in small engine repair and general trouble shooting – electrical, mechanical and metal fabrication?
 - C. Mr. Whitney replied that he had worked for Skip Martin Marine for a few years as mechanic and worked for Criscraft in Holland, maintenance man for Heinz. He also stated he had 40+ years in small engine repair.
 - D. Buese also asked how Mr. Whitney would go about getting customers with Mr. Whitney replying mostly word of mouth.
 - E. Connell asked if he would be doing the work in the barn with Mr. Whitney stating yes. Mr. Whitney also will be putting a sign out.
 - F. Connell read the major home occupation out of the zoning ordinance book and he also stated that if Mr. Whitney’s business turns into sales the zoning of the property does not allow sales.
 - G. Connell stated that the special use fits within the zoning guidelines.
 - H. Connell asked if the neighbors had been notified with Supervisor Schulz stating neighbors had been notified and he had talked with a couple neighbors and they were fine with the business.
 - I. Buese/Ruitter made motion to approve the Special Use Permit which passed with Aye vote.
 - J. Chair Heckman asked Secretary Rushmore to send a letter to Mr. Whitney that his Special Use Permit was approved.

- V. Old Business
 - A. The members discussed the Zoning Amendments

VI. New Business

- A. Schulz stated there may be a Special Meeting for a Re-zoning and maybe do the public hearing for the rezoning and zoning amendments at the same time.
- B. Schulz had a question on rentals in general. Parking of vehicles all over the place. He also stated the City has it they are to park in the driveway and maybe 1 other vehicle. Schulz stated there are many vehicles parked on the yard on many properties in the Township and suggest we should put in zoning they need to park in driveway and 1 car over. Connell read from the Zoning Ordinance Book page 15-2 #6 where the parking is to be. So the Ordinance Enforcement Officer can send a letter to those homes who have vehicles parking all over.
- C. Connell asked when the highlights from the Township Board Meetings are put in the paper do we need to put in there needing alternates for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals?

VII. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Heckman made a motion to adjourn with the meeting closing at 8:10 p.m.