

**Allegan Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
May 13, 2019**

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Chairman Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.
  - B. Those present were Mike Buese, Keith Behm, Marty Ruitter, Ted Heckman, Chad Kruithoff, Jeremy Dutkiewicz, Jim Connell. Also present was Supervisor Steve Schulz.
  
- II. Approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Meeting
  - A. Connell/Kruithoff made motion to approve the minutes which passed unanimously.
  
- III. Tim Howard from Side Door Store interested in starting another business behind the existing building and use for buying and selling parts to commercial businesses. He would like to put up another sign for that business underneath the existing sign. The sign would not be lighted.

Heckman stated that the Township sign ordinance had increased in size. Connell stated that it would be 2 separate signs for 2 separate businesses. Connell also asked if there would be items outside and would they be put in at night? Mr. Howard stated there would be items outside but would be put in at night.

The Planning Commission approved the extra sign for Mr. Tim Howard.
  
- IV. Public Hearing for Rezoning- Andrew, Pennie, Jim, and Joe Plesnicar
  - A. Supervisor Schulz stated that Plesnicar families could not attend. Steve said that there was a house on the one parcel, which was zoned R 2 and they want to build a cold storage building on the property.
  - B. Behm asked if the 2 lots they want rezoned will it be for business or personal?
  - C. Supervisor Schulz stated for their business.
  - D. Ruitter asked if it wouldn't be easier to put all 3 pieces together. Schulz said 2 people own the properties.
  - E. Connell read the Uses Permitted by Right in the Ordinance Book and stated it didn't find what would fit this request. He is concerned that it not fitting to C2.
  - F. It was remarked that this does conform to the Master Plan to go C2.
  - G. Discussion of needing to add manufacturing to C2. Schulz stated maybe should have Service Establishment added to C2.
  - H. Connell/Ruitter made motion to rezone both properties from R2 to C2. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- V. Site Plan Application

- A. Chairman Heckman asked “if anyone had any questions or haven’t you studied it enough that you want to wait until the next meeting on May 20, 2019?”
- B. Connell/Heckman moved to accept the Site Plan Application.

VI. Cost of Applications all the Same

- A. Supervisor Schulz said He felt that it would be so much easier to have the Special Land Use, Rezoning, and Variance Costs all be the same.
- B. The Planning Commission Members felt that would be good.
- C. Dutkiewicz/Kruithoff made the motion to have the Cost for a Regular Meeting be \$285.00 and the Cost for a Special Meeting be \$600.00. Motion Passed unanimously.

VII. Discussion of Shooting Range

- A. Schulz said he had a guy come in to the office who lives on Abbey Drive and has 5 acres, he would like a shooting range on his property.
- B. Heckman stated as long as it is not for a public shooting range.
- C. Connell feels if just for family only the Planning Commission should stay out of it but if using for public use or pay to use or a valid noise complaint then the Planning Commission needs to get involved.
- D. It was agreed that as long as it stays private the Planning Commission is ok with it.
- E. John Schultz asked what a noise or nuisance ordinance is? Supervisor Schulz explained about revving up motorcycles, loud music late into the night and get a complaint the Township will investigate and sometimes send a ticket.

VIII. New Business – Rezoning Public Hearing May 20, 2019.

- IX. Supervisor Schulz there was a house tore down, next to Auto West, and the person wants to build apartment homes and should it be zoned R3 – Ordinance shows it in Not Permitted by Right – it goes under Special Land Uses. It would be quadplexes.

Kruithoff feels that a mobile home park should be by Special Land Uses and the 4 plexes should be By Right.

X. Adjourn

- A. Kruithoff/Connell made motion to adjourn which passed.  
Meeting closing at 8:45 pm.