

**ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 8, 2017**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
 - B. Those present were Ted Heckman, Jim Connell, Mike Buese, Keith Behm, Marty Ruitter, and Jeremy Dutkiewicz. Those absent were Al Lemaire and Chad Kruthoff. Supervisor Schulz was also present.

- II. Approve the Minutes from the March 13, 2017 Meeting
 - A. Behm/Connell made the motion to approve the minutes. Which passed with an aye vote.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Schulz reported that Perrigo had purchased the 60 acres from the Votec.
 - B. Connell stated that the City part was purchased earlier.

- IV. New Business
 - A. Review the Following Ordinances:
 - 1. C 1 – Neighborhood Business District
 - a. Heckman asked if Schulz had heard anything from Williams & Works. Schulz stated he had emailed Andy Moore and they were busy codifying and organizing the Stand Alone Ordinances.
 - b. Schulz stated that we don't have Andy here to oversee but would like him to take a look at some of the ordinances that weren't caught ahead of time and applied to the City not the Township.
 - c. Ruitter stated the zero setback wouldn't meet Township Fire Codes.
 - d. Schulz got the old Ordinance Book and read what it said for setbacks. See attached copy.
 - e. Connell stated that 15 ft. side setback and 15 ft. rear from lot line would be good that way an emergency vehicle can get thru.
 - f. Connell/Behm made a motion to recommend to the Township Board to change zero ft. to 15 ft. side setback (300.904 #2 subsection B and subsection C) change rear setback from zero to 15 ft. Motion passed with aye vote
 - 2. Under General Provisions
 - a. 300.1313 (page 13-11) already addressed in separate zoning and should be omitted from ordinance.
 - b. Behm/Heckman made motion to omit 300-1313 because it is redundant. Which passed with aye vote.
 - c. 300.1333 Recreational Vehicles – Connell stated he was trying to come up with balance of people who come with trailer to a lot and not become a cottage. 31 days or 10 long week-ends thru summer.

- d. It was stated if someone owns a piece of property – they can't use it like Tri-Ponds and they stay for the summer.
 - e. Connell stated he felt the Planning Commission had discussed extensively and the 31 days is long enough for a trailer to sit on a lot. He also feels it is clearly understandable.
 - f. Dutkiewicz asked if there was a penalty if left longer. Schulz stated it is hard to inspect – but if someone around the area notifies the Township then something can be done.
- 3.
- A. Heckman asked if anything had been done about the place on M 222?
 - B. Schulz stated Walker is still running his business out of the home per the renter of the home but Walker doesn't live there. The home is rented so a Rental Registration Application will be sent to the home owner, Tammy Schafer.
 - C. Schulz stated that Walker needs to move all his stuff out and a ticket sent to Tammy.
 - D. Connell asked about Studman's place as it needs to be cleaned up.
 - E. Buese stated Grand Allegan was sold to Benton. Also asked about Pete Gavrun , fence builder, with buying a piece of property with Schulz stating Pete is not going to be buying the property.
 - F. It was stated that Allegan Metal Finishing needs to be contacted as it has been long enough to finish cleaning it up.

V. Adjourn

- A. Connell/Heckman made motion to adjourn with the meeting closing at 8:30 PM.