

**ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
September 12, 2016**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Connell called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.
 - B. Following roll call those present were Keith Behm, Karl Spreitzer, Jim Connell, Ted Heckman, Marty Ruiter and Laree Waanders. Mike Buese was absent.

- II. Approve the Minutes of July 11, 2016
 - A. Heckman/Spreitzer made motion to approve the minutes which passed with aye vote. Behm abstained as he was absent at the July 11, 2016 meeting.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Connell stated that the parcel that Pete Gavrun wants to purchase is not shown as C2 on the latest zoning map. It was also stated that the school has not cleaned up the mess on the property next to Big Red Wrecker.
 - B. Connell stated that Walker/Schafer has done some mowing and some of the equipment has been moved. Schafer has moved to Oshtemo area. Looks like Walker is still running his business out of the home. Steve is pursuing a citation for Schafer as Walker does not have a special use permit to run his business out of the home.
 - C. It was brought up that if a renter is given a Special Use Permit that permit stays with the property permanently.
 - D. Article 14 page 14-7 - 300.1414 #2 - states that the use shall be operated by persons residing in the dwelling and not more than three (3) other persons. Much discussion took place as to what the home occupation, major states.
 - E. Heckman stated that it is special and you don't have the right to do anything you want.
 - F. Connell stated that the Planning Commission can put conditions on any Special Use Permit given.
 - G. Spreitzer asked "Do we issue a Special Use if in Blight offense. Connell stated that would be up to the Allegan Township Board and/or Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
 - H. Connell also stated that the Planning Commission was in error to ask the Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer to take back the ticket sent to Tammy Schafer. When we put conditions on Special Uses we have to make sure it is done.
 - I. Connell gave an update on Perrigo Distribution Center stating Supervisor Schulz was to find out what was said in the DEQ and Perrigo meeting at the Township Hall on August 16, 2016 in the evening, but no report was given as Schulz was not here. Connell also stated that Perrigo has asked the Township to put the tax abatement on hold as they are not starting building. Steve Melvin and Nora Balgoyen stated the investors are not locked in at this point.
 - J. Connell stated that the site plan had been approved on that property and if the site plan has changed at all then we need to start all over again.

- K. DEQ and Perrigo met here at the Township Hall for a public hearing and Connell stated he could not find a public hearing notice in the paper and so Connell asked Lane Sturman where he heard about the meeting and he thought maybe at work. Connell stated that the Perrigo Distribution Center is a real big deal for the Township and the Planning Commission and they should have been told about the meeting.
- L. Waanders asked Secretary Rushmore if she could contact Julie at the newspaper office and find out if a notice was put in the paper for the DEQ/Perrigo meeting.
- M. Connell talked about the mini conference coming up October 13, 2016 and encouraged the members to attend as it was a great help to him as Chairman of the Planning Commission.
- N. Connell remarked that Supervisor Schulz had some changes he thought should be taken care of in the R-3 zoning ordinance book but Schulz was not there to talk with the Planning Commission.
- O. Connell and the members present agreed that as far as choosing or interviewing alternates to the Planning Commission it was up to the Allegan Township Board and not the Planning Commission as those members are chosen by the Township Board.

IV. New Business

- A. Ruitter brought up about fire pits in the Township. In the neighborhood where he lives there is a close neighbor who burns wood but he thinks it is green wood because the smoke is awful. Ruitter also stated that in some areas news letters are sent to all in the Township about what is going on.
- B. Connell asked "Does the Fire District have any codes for fire pits?" Behm said he would check with the Fire District.

V. Adjourn

- A. Waanders/Spreitzer made motion to adjourn with the meeting closing at 9:15 PM.