

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING April 5, 2017
Approved

The Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Grace Rappe with members Bill Marske, Gary Wood, and Joseph Reed present. Members Mario Zarantenello, Andrew Brown, and Richard Carlson were absent.

Minutes of the prior February 1st meeting were reviewed. Wood moved to approve the minutes, supported by Marske. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Jill Underhill was present and questioned how many members serve on the board. Marske responded that presently the commission consists of 7 members.

Old Business: None

Other Communication: None

Reports: Wood reported that the focus group meetings have started very successfully with 10 attendees at the first gathering. Some of the topics focused on were the agricultural area, ag tourism, wind & solar power, and medical marijuana. Wood explained that the purpose of the focus group is not to reach a decision but is to instead gather community opinion and input.

New Business: Special Land Use # 195 – Single family in commercial district. 14950 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier. Bill McCollum representing property owner Joe Sundberg.

Bill McCollum came forth to explain that he is the architect for the project. He informed the board that Joe Sundberg and his wife would like to relocate to Union Pier and transform the currently commercial building into a residence. He added that the plan is to add a garage to the property in one of the two locations suggested on the plan. If Planning Commission approval is granted, then the proposal would go before the ZBA. McCollum explained that the reason the plan requires commission approval is because of the change in use from commercial to residential.

Reed questioned if the driveway will remain permeable. McCollum confirmed that it will. Wood expressed that he feels it will be important for the building to keep a storefront appearance.

Moved by Marske, seconded by Wood, that a public hearing be set for the May 3rd Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 for Special Land Use # 195. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Marske moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Supported by Wood.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Jess Miller
Recording Secretary

Richard Carlson
Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission