

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

August 2, 2017

Approved

The Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Grace Rappe with members Jerry Kohn, Doug Dow, Richard Carlson, and Gary Wood present. Andrew Brown and Bill Marske were absent.

The Agenda was reviewed. Dow moved to approve the agenda, supported by Wood. Motion carried.

Minutes of the prior July 5th meeting were reviewed.

Dow requested that under "Public Comments" the insertion of "short term vacation" be added before "rentals."

Dow asked that in the second paragraph of "Public Comments" the first sentence begin with, "Leo Krusack came forth to state that he attended."

Rappe requested that the spelling of "Pompy" be corrected to "Pompey" throughout the document.

Wood moved to approve the minutes, supported by Kohn. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Building and Zoning Administrator, Van Thornton, came forth to invite the Planning Commission to an upcoming FEMA meeting. The meeting topic is Great Lakes Coastal Flood Risk and it will take place on August 28th at from 3-5 p.m.

Old Business: None

Other Communication: None

New Business:

1.) Special Land Use Permit No. 197
Property Code No. 11-07-0023-0002-02-6
Property Address: 14671 Three Oaks Rd.
Property Owner: William Kast & Linda Sutherland
Applicant/ Buyer: Beth Bollenbach & Dale Welling
Applicant wishes to operate a business to provide rescue, foster care, and rehab/ training of small domestic and farm animals, to use trained and certified animals to provide emotional or physical therapy and host community education classes on care of animals, garden and plant care and simplifying life.

Action: Set Public Hearing Date and Time

Kohn informed the commission that this property is adjacent to his son's property and he would be recusing himself from any decisions made.

Moved by Wood, seconded by Kohn, that the public hearing for Special Land Use Permit No. 197 be scheduled to take place on September 6th at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Dow observed that the ordinance states that construction on a project such as this must begin within 12 months and finish within 3 years while the application proposes the reverse. Beth Bollenbach was present and stated that construction of the pole building may not begin until next year.

2.) Minor Amendment to Special Land Use (SLU) Permit No. 192
Property Code No. 11-07-0011-0046-01-1
Property Owner: Sawyer Investments II, LLC
Applicant is requesting to provide live music in the outdoor beer garden.

Action: Approve request or determine if this is a major amendment.

An applicant was not present to discuss the requested amendment. Carlson recalled that when the SLU was first granted not disrupting the neighbors was an issue that was discussed.

Kohn informed the commission that he would also be recusing himself from a vote on this agenda item as well. Kohn stated that adjacent property owner, Ralph Unruh, passed away about a month ago and his son Craig Unruh has not taken issue with the topic of live music.

Thornton informed the commission that he had requested a petition signed by downtown business owners or residents with opinions on the proposed amendment but did not receive any feedback.

Carlson stated that due to the lack of an applicant present the commission has no choice but to table the decision.

Thornton explained to the commission that the ordinance states that any sound audible fifty feet from the property line is considered excessive noise.

Rappe reminded the commissioners that the current square footage of the property was calculated for restaurant use.

Moved by Carlson, seconded by Dow, that the decision on the requested amendment be tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Underhill questioned if there will be chance for the public to comment on the requested special land use amendment previously mentioned. Wood responded that there would be a time for public comment at the next meeting.

Rappe recalled that Fitzgeralds had a special permit for music and dance. Hilmer clarified that the permit would not transfer with ownership but the new owner may reapply for a new license from the Liquor Commission.

Adjournment:

With nothing further, Carlson moved to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., supported by Wood. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Jess Reed
Recording Secretary

Bill Marske
Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission