

MARKEY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

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HOUGHTON LAKE, MICHIGAN 48629

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting January 6, 2022

Meeting called to order by chair Ron Duquette at 7 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present; Hackett, Ciaramitaro, Duquette, Donaldson, Devins and Gardner

Absent: Fullmer

Motion by Gardner; supported by Donaldson to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Hackett; supported by Ciaramitaro to approve the minutes as read. All ayes; motion carried.

Kirstie Russo requested to be added to the agenda in the future as she would like to keep the Planning Commission updated on current issues in the Ordinance / Land use Department. Currently the building at 4759 East Houghton Lake Dr., owned by Mike and Linda Cota is on the Dangerous Buildings list with pending litigation and the property at 103 Burning Oak Ct. has a blight violation with a court order to be cleaned up.

Review of the existing site plan for A&B storage, it shows the approved driveway at the crest of the hill. They have started using the smaller driveway beside the cabin/office which does not meet the width requirements for a commercial business. Russo will send the new owners a letter that they will need to come back to the Planning Commission to update the site plan or only use the approved driveway.

We discussed concerns regarding Single Family Dwellings in C1 (commercial) zones. They are a permitted use in Ordinance 35. Multi Family dwellings are also a permitted use. Many of the lots are small and would make it a challenge for a commercial business to build on them.

Another concern is private storage facilities being built in commercial districts. One possibility to discourage them may be to require a sewer and well permit at these buildings. Devins will work on possible wording to amend our ordinance and bring it to the February meeting.

Russo asks for clarification regarding trailers and campers on residential property. She has had complaints and would like the restriction to read the property must have a dwelling on it if that is the intent of the ordinance. We will review this in February also.

Motion to adjourn by Gardner, supported by Donaldson at 7:55 P.M.

Prepared by Sherrie Ciaramitaro