

MARKEY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
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HOUGHTON LAKE, MICHIGAN 48629

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting July 8, 2021

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present; Hackett, Fullmer, Ciaramitaro, Duquette, Gardner and Donaldson. Absent Devins.

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

Devins enters the meeting at 7:13.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Fullmer to approve the minutes as read.

There was no public comment or correspondence.

Chair Duquette opens the public hearing and announces the subject; this is a public hearing for a proposed Home Occupation Special Use Permit for Denise Strauss at 112 Ultra Court. The hearing was properly noticed in the Houghton Lake Resorter and at the township hall. There was no correspondence received. Comments in favor; Denise read her letter, see attached.

Comments against; Rob Ritter of 4130 N Markey Road stated that his sunroom looks directly at the sheds they are unsightly. When he asked Ms. Strauss what she was going to do with so many sheds she told him they were for her grandchildren to use as playhouses. There were 4 at that time and now there are 6 of them. She has a garden that is very close to the tee box on hole #12.

Greg Dyke of 3280 Lansing Road stated that the property has been cleaned up and he appreciates that but he is concerned about the 6 sheds now and how many more would there be.

Bill Oliver owns adjoining property and was also told that the existing sheds were to be used as play houses. He states that the deed explicitly states that there will be no businesses operated upon these properties.

Linda Fox of 3376 Lansing Road states that she is not happy with the sheds or the idea of extra traffic in the area.

Public hearing closed at 7:16

Planning Commission deliberation; Fullmer asks if permits were obtained for the sheds. Answer, no, she was told she did not need to permit for them. At the time of that discussion there were 4 of them. Now 2 additional sheds have been placed on the property.

Motion by Ciaramitaro, supported by Fullmer to deny the application for a Special Use Permit. 6 ayes, Hackett abstains. Motion carried.

Duquette opens the Public Hearing on the rezoning of property along M18, North Roscommon Road. This Public hearing was properly noticed in the Houghton Lake Resorter and at the township hall.

The property being considered is the South East quarter of Section 1; which is a portion of parcel 72-008-001-002-0020, the South East quarter of Section 12 parcel 72-008-012-002-0030, the East half of Section 24 which is a portion of parcel 72-008-024001-0020. All parcels are owned by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources.

He explains that this has been a long process of finding property in the township to allow for commercial growth. These properties are easily accessible from I-75 and US 27.

We received no correspondence.

Comments in favor; Bill Oliver states that M18 is a good area for commercial growth.

Comments against; none.

No deliberation among the Planning Commission.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Fullmer to approve the rezoning as presented.

Motion by Hackett, supported by Fullmer to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting as presented.

New Business; Devins asks if it is our responsibility to research all deeds, covenants, restrictions and easements when we are doing a plan review for permits. Ciaramitaro states that she doesn't feel that it is, however when they are presented we should give consideration to them. We will research it.

Motion to adjourn by Gardner supported by Fullmer at 7:41 P.M.

Prepared by Sherrie Ciaramitaro