

Markey Township Planning Commission
Minutes
January 5, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Motion by Donaldson, supported by Ciaramitaro to approve the amended minutes of the December meeting with the correction that house that had to be removed from the property previously was because it did not meet the setback requirements. All ayes; motion carried.

Donaldson stated that the Township Board has accepted our changes to Ordinance 35 specifying where short-term rentals could be allowed. No action has been taken to adopt the Township Ordinance allowing them.

Ordinance report- Russo reported that according to Section 3.05 if the storage building is not a dwelling it is not required to have a bathroom. She has checked with the Health Department and the Houghton Lake Building Agency and it is not a requirement for those agencies. Currently on pages 106 and 107 surveys and roof pitch are not a required as part of a site plan review.

Devins stated that because the property is in the C1 District, the requirements are different. This structure is for personal use but if it is sold in the future and that owner wants to use it as commercial it needs to meet our commercial requirements. He agrees that Ordinance 35 enforcement is difficult for all of us. There are times when a single issue is addressed in several different places and they may contradict each other. Over the years the Planning Commission has reviewed, rewritten and attempted to clarify and simplify it. There are so many factors that may apply to each situation that it is difficult.

Continuation of the site plan review for Mr. Edlinger.

Gardner asks if the property lines in the survey include the easement. They do not, the property lines are separate from the easement.

Donaldson asked if Mr. Edlinger plans to put a room over the concrete. He answered that if it is allowed he may want to.

Devins asked if a fire truck would be able to get back to the structure, it would require 15' wide clearance.

Mr. Edlinger stated that it is his intention to improve the road during and after construction and he will make sure that it is 15' wide.

Mr Edlinger has provided a survey of his property, a drainage layout, the roof pitch and the location of a bathroom for his pole barn as we requested at the December 1st site plan. All questions have been addressed and the site plan is approved.

Motion by Fullmer; supported by Ciaramitaro to approve the Special Use Permit for Mr. Edlinger; parcel number 72-008-004-006-0120. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Ciaramitaro; supported by Hackett to approve the Site Plan Review for Mr. Edlinger's parcel number 72-008-004-006-0120 to construct the proposed pole barn. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Fullmer, supported by Gardner to approved the Meeting dates for 2023 as January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 13, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7. All ayes; motion carried.

We discussed the changes that we need to look at in our sign ordinance. It will be put on the February meeting agenda.

Motion by Donaldson; supported by Hackett to adjourn.

