

Presque Isle Township Planning Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
Held March 4, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman; T. Guyer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: In attendance were; T. Guyer, E. Szymanski, T. Ludwig, C. Paavola, and H. Welsh

Audience Present: 2 guests.

Agenda Approval: H. Welsh moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by; T. Ludwig. All ayes; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes (February 4, 2019): E. Szymanski requested to change the wording under “Fees & Notices” of New Business from “No hearing will be heard without fees” to “No proceedings shall be done unless fees have been paid”. C. Paavola moved to approve the minutes with the changes. Seconded by; T. Ludwig. All ayes; motion passed.

Comments from the Audience (3 min. per audience member): K. Barkel commented with his concerns and issues he is having with his property, regarding a Special Use Permit that was approved for a Bed & Breakfast next door to his home. He has requested information regarding the possibility of rescinding the approved special use permit.

Correspondence: None

Reports

- **Township Board of Trustees (C. Paavola):** C. Paavola provided a written report and gave a brief synopsis of the report. *(Please see attached)*.
- **Zoning Administrator (S. Lang):** S. Lang provided a written and gave a brief synopsis of the report. *(Please see attached)*. S. Lang advised that he has been working with Mr. Barkel regarding his concerns with the special use permit for the bed and breakfast owners.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals (E. Szymanski):** E. Szymanski advised that they will meet on May 7, 2019.

New Business

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Unfinished Business

- **Sign Ordinance (Lighted & Moving Signs):** T. Guyer advised that the PC members have been working on Section 23.2 (B): Moving Illuminated Signs of the zoning ordinance. Currently the ordinance prohibits moving and flashing signs. The PC members discussed and have agreed to revise the ordinance to accommodate moving lighted signs. The discussed revision will read as follows: “23.2B Signs may be illuminated in the C-1, C-2, I-1, I-2, and C-F and C-M districts only. Moving, flashing or revolving signs are permitted in C-1 C-F and C-M districts only, except as otherwise expressly permitted under this ordinance. No sign shall constitute a nuisance as that term is defined under Michigan law”. C. Paavola moved to approve recommendation of the

proposed change of the ordinance for a public hearing. Seconded by; T. Ludwig. All ayes; motion passed. A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019

Additional Information: E. Szymanski suggested that the “**Procedures of Rescinding a Special Use Permit**” be added to **New Business** of the April 2019 meeting agenda.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Meeting Reminder: The Planning Commission will meet again on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm for the public hearing and 7:00 pm for the regular monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted; Kimberly S. Bedard, Administrative Assistant

Report to Planning Commission from Township Board

February 11, 2019

Presque Isle Fire Department has extended the contract with Bill Forbush for another year. Recommended by the Fire Board and approved by the Township Board.

The closing policy has been changed regarding school closings. The office Supervisor and/or Clerk will make the call if closing the office is necessary. If a meeting is scheduled it is up to the chair to make the decision.

This concludes my report.

 Cynthia Paavola Liaison to PC

PC Report

From Zoning Administrator

Month of February, 2019

1. Parker House sign is re-lite.
2. Received tax money this month.
3. PC Items:
 - a. Sign Ordinance (Have a draft)
 - b. K. Barkel Concerns
 1. Dietlan Propane Tank
 2. Hunting Lane
 3. Dietlan Cement Blocks
 - c. Working with Gulden on revoking a special use permit.
 - d. Mapping out a meets and bounds property for a PC member.
4. Answering questions from builders getting ready for next summer.
5. Received Judge Pavlich's reversal of January 9, 2019 decision
 - a. I have prepared my information and copied my pertinent documents for possible testimony from me that may come up in the future.
6. Has been a bit slow.