

MINUTES OF TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OFFICE 145 SOUTH SECOND STREET
FREELAND, MICHIGAN 48623
SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson Dennis Argyle called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Neuenfeldt
Jim Heffel
Ron Schauman
Dennis Argyle
Roger Hupfer
Paul Garstecki

MEMBERS ABSENT

Paul Knoerr

STAFF PRESENT

Marc McGill
Grant Murschel
Kim Reiss

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Ron Schauman, supported by Roger Hupfer to approve the agenda as presented, with no discussion.

Vote: 6- Yeas 0- Nays 1- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 20TH, 2018 MEETING.

Ron Schauman spoke on behalf of Paul Knoerr regarding these minutes. Paul had stated to Ron that the conditions, and the motion and support were not correct for SUP-18-04. There can be no equipment stored outside, interior storage only. The motion was made by Paul Knoerr, and supported by Paul Garstecki, this was reversed on the original minutes. It was also noted that the minutes were compiled by Marc McGill on behalf Roger Hupfer- Secretary. With no further discussion a motion was made by Jim

Heffel, supported by Paul Garstecki to approve the minutes with the corrections noted.

Vote: 6- Yeas 0- Nays 1- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairperson Dennis Argyle opened public comment at 5:40 P.M. A question was asked about when and where the Planning Commission meeting minutes are posted for public review. They were told that the minutes are available on the Township website.

The Chairperson then closed public comment at 5:41 P.M.

7. BUSINESS

A. SUP-18-03: Consider approval of a request from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church for a Special Use Permit to allow a columbarium: resting place for human ashes on parcel #29-13-3-21-1049-000 located at 545 - 7th street.

Jeff Bell was present representing the applicant, and he proceeded to give details of the proposed layout of this project. Grant Murschel the Township's Consulting planner reviewed his report, and also answered questions from the Commission.

The Chairperson Dennis Argyle opened the Public Hearing at 5:50 P.M.

Debbie Chernich asked about the Site Plan review checklist, why was it not completed and utilized for this project? She also asked if a Site Plan would address lighting issues, and access to the property.

Wayne Glover stated that he has the same concerns as Debbie Chernich. He also asked what would be the hours of operation. He also wants the columbarium moved away from the sub division. He feels that it is not a good idea to have this in a residential zone. He also feels that this goes too far, and does not want to have a cemetery in his back yard.

The Chairperson then closed the Public Hearing at 5:56 P.M.

After some discussion all questions were answered, and concerns addressed. A motion was made by Ron Schauman, supported by Jim

Heffel to approve the Special Use Permit as presented with the following stipulations: The columbarium can be located no closer to Wheelock Street than the south side of the garage, between the garage and the pavilion. There will be no special lighting, and this SUP is for a single columbarium only.

Vote: 5- Yeas 1- Nay 1- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

B. P-18-03: Consider request by Richard Graebner for a tentative plat approval for a forty-nine (49) lot residential subdivision located on the north side of Paul, Harvey, and Johnson Street's east of Midland Road, parcel #29-13-3-16-3001-000.

The applicant was present at the meeting. Mike Rybicki of MLR Engineering was also present representing the applicant, he proceeded to give the Commission an overview of the tentative plat, and answer related questions. Grant Murschel then reviewed his report, and Kim Reiss the Township Zoning Administrator also provided a report. After some discussion and questions a motion was made by Carl Neuenfeldt, supported by Roger Hupfer to recommend approval of the tentative plat to the Township Board.

6- Yeas 0- Nays 1- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

ROGER HUPFER- SECRETARY