

MINUTES OF TITTABAWASSEE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OFFICE 145 SOUTH SECOND STREET
FREELAND, MICHIGAN 48623
AUGUST 20TH, 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
Paul Knoerr
Paul Garstecki

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Argyle
Roger Hupfer

STAFF PRESENT

Kim Reiss
Marc McGill

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Vote: 5- Yeas 0- Nays 0- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MAY 21ST, 2018 MEETING

Moved by Ron Schauman, supported by Paul Garstecki to approve the minutes with an amendment to the vote count on ITEM P-18-01 FINAL PLAT for Schauman Development. Such vote count was reported as 7 Yeas and 0 Nays. The correct vote count was 5 yes and 0 no and 2 abstaining. Ron Schauman and Carl Neuenfeldt both abstained.

Vote: 5- Yeas 0- Nays 0- Absent 0- Abstain Motion Carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Vice-Chairperson Carl Neuenfeldt opened public comment at 5:33 P.M. There was no comment.

SUP 18-03: Consider approval of request by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church for a Special Use Permit to allow column barium; resting place for human ashes on parcel #29-13-3-10-3002-001 located at 545 7th Street.

Vice-Chair Carl Neuenfeldt opened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. Several questions from the public were asked concerning the height, width, location and number of column bariums intended. Also questions were asked as to the access site to such as well as if there would be outdoor services and when these may take place. No persons from the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church were present to answer any of these questions. The public hearing was closed at 5:55 P.M.

Moved by Jim Heffel and supported by Ron Schauman to post-pone any action on the Special Use Permit until such time as the Planning Commission Members could attain more information about what they were considering acting upon. Vote 5-Yeas 0-Nays 2-Absent 0-Abstain. Motion Carried.

SUP 18-04: Consider approval of request by Demitchell Investments for a Special Use Permit to allow storage of construction equipment outside on parcel #29-13-3-10-3002-001 located at 9856 Sarle Road.

Vice-Chair Carl Neuenfeldt opened the public hearing at 6:00 P.M. Several questions from the public were asked concerning fencing, landscaping, increased truck traffic, new buildings, and clear cutting of forested areas in the back of the property, proper use of the land, noise, and unsightly construction materials.

The applicant explained there would be maybe 2 trucks a day. Everything would be stored inside the existing buildings. There would be no noise or machine operated at the site. No trees were planned to be cut down. The public hearing was closed at 6:19 P.M.

Moved by Paul Garstecki and supported by Paul Knoerr to approve the Special Use Permit. Vote 3-Yeas 2-Nays (Ron Schauman, Carl Neuenfeldt) 2-Absent 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

Z-18-09: Consider approval of request by Richard Graebner to rezone Parcel # 29-13-3-16-3001-000 located in 8000 block of Midland from R-1 Low Density Residential to R-2 Medium Density Residential.

Vice-Chair Carl Neuenfeldt opened the public hearing at 6:21 P.M. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:22 P.M.

Moved by Jim Heffel and supported by Paul Garstecki to approve the rezoning request. Vote 5-Yeas 0-Nays 2-Absent 0-Abstain.

P-16-01 FINAL PLAT: Consider approval of request by Schauman Development for a Final Plat approval for fifteen (15) single family lot subdivisions located on the south side of Sarle Road west of Webster Road, Parcels 29-13-3-16-1016-000, 29-13-16-1002-001, and 29-13-3-16-1010-000 titled Sova Farms.

Moved by Jim Heffel and supported by Paul Garstecki to approve the final plat for Sova Farms with the condition that the developer communicate in writing and the Township accept the fencing plan for the pond area located at the south end of the plated subdivision prior to Board of Trustee final approval. Vote 4-Yeas 0-Nays 2-Absent 1-Abstain (Ron Schauman)

NPG Investments Site Plan Extension: Considered a request from NPG Investments, LLC for an extension of driveway paving of parcel #29-13-3-23-2002-006 located at 8651 W. Freeland Road.

Moved by Ron Schauman and supported by Jim Heffel to approve the request for extension. Vote 5-Yeas 0-Nays 2-Absent 0-Abstain.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

ROGER HUPFER-SECRETARY