

Grant Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

Opening

The Grant Township Planning Commission was called to order by Tim Martis, acting chair, at 7:05 pm. on October 19, 2017.

Present

Laura R Irwin, Diana Ludlow, Edith Elsenheimer, Pam Hawley and Tim Martis

NOTE: Pat Collins has resigned

Absent: None

Purpose

To review agricultural tourism as it pertains to sales at road side stands i.e.: small barn structures

- Kim Martens provided an overview of the request made by 'R Farm' for a roadside market stating that applicants can proceed with their plans as we are a rural township. Applicants do have a retail food license and will also need to be GAAMP (Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices) compliant and covered under RTFA (Michigan Right to Farm Act). They will be allowed to sell frozen meat only. The ability to sell fruits and vegetables is not yet established at this time.
- Kim would like to have a copy of their inspection report and will be speaking with the USDA inspector to ensure we are all on the same page.

Kim provided Williams and Works Agricultural Tourism questionnaire to all PC members to review residential and AG uses, regulations, requirements and special use definitions. There are questions regarding Churches, schools and Government offices and exemptions. Also, clarification is needed re: alcohol licensing.

Solar Array – Kim will have a representative here for the November meeting to answer any questions we might have.

The minutes from the August 17, 2017 meeting were read individually and approved with one question on verbiage which appears to be an auto correction by computer. Diana made the motion to approve, seconded by Edie. All in favor and motion passed.

Meeting minutes from the September 21st meeting were also reviewed by members. Laura made a motion to approve with correction being made to next meeting date to Oct 19 vs Oct 26th. Edie seconded the motion, all in favor and the motion passed.

Edie discussed the need to elect a new Chair for the Planning board and nominated Diana Ludlow for the position which was seconded by Laura. All were in favor and Diana has accepted the role with Tim stating he will help in any way he can.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diana at 8:34 pm and seconded by Edie. The next tentatively scheduled meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk collected by Melissa Cunningham, Deputy Clerk