

Grant Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017

Opening

The Grant Township Planning Commission met at 7:00pm. on September 21, 2017. As there were not enough members for a quorum, no decisions or approvals could be made.

Present

Laura R Irwin, Diana Ludlow and Pat Collins

Absent

Edith Elsenheimer, Pam Hawley and Tim Martis

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 and the latest information received from our planner
- 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)
- Owner will check into contacts and regulations to follow the guidelines and obtain the needed permits from Kim. Kim discussed combining their parcels in order to comply with setbacks. The driveway may need to be improved/upgraded. An address for the business will need to be obtained.

Gladys will send copies of Williams and Works Agricultural Tourism questionnaire to all PC members to review residential and AG uses, regulations, requirements and special use definitions. Each member will be asked to fill out and return or bring to the next meeting.

Solar Array ordinance – will be added to next agenda. Set-backs need to be defined. Suggested 20' Side yard. If there is at least 100' setback from road frontage to home, may have an out building in front yard if placed at least 60' back.

The minutes from the August 17, 2017 meeting were read individually but not approved for lack of needed board members present.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next tentatively scheduled meeting will be held on October 26, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk