

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 29, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cook, Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Present; Borst, Fong, Walsworth, Terryn, Coker, Cook, Whelpley, Ed McNeely Attorney and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: None 7 Members of the public.

Agenda: Motion by Fong to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Borst, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Minutes of the April 26, 2018 Meeting: Motion by Walsworth to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting as presented. Supported by Borst, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 44 Permits issued to date. 162 Rental permits issued and more in process. Some complaints about rental noise received, told them to contact the sheriff's office. Found some zoning violations over the holiday weekend, letters will be sent. Next month a Special Use request for a cell tower by AT&T to be brought before the commission.

New Business:

1. Shipping Containers: Draper has had inquiries about using shipping containers as storage buildings and dwellings. If used as dwellings they would have to be brought up to building code. If used as accessory buildings they would just be set in place. Points of discussion were the appearance in the residential areas, semi-truck trailers are already prohibited. Consensus is they should not be allowed. Motion by Walsworth to amend Section 4.14 to add shipping containers and van bodies. Supported by Borst, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Whelpley will supply new language for the amendment for the next meeting. Motion by Walsworth to request the township board place a six-month moratorium on permitting shipping containers and van bodies for the amendment to be completed. Supported by Borst, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

2. Electronic Message Signs: Draper has had inquiries on electronic message signs. They are the new way of advertising. The ordinance is rather vague on regulations on this type of sign for on and off premise use. The Planning Commission is asking the Township board for a six month moratorium on electric message signs. Cook appointed Fong, Terryn, and Whelpley to a sub-committee to look into what is out there for regulations on this type of sign.

Old Business:

1. Silver Lake Drive-In: Preliminary Site Plan approval was given for Silver Lake Drive-In until questions on parking and traffic flow for vehicles with trailers were resolved and dwelling square footage were answered. An updated plan was presented that resolved these issues. Motion by Fong to give final approval to the new site plan presented. Supported by Coker, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

1. Master Plan: The survey has been placed on the website is available at the office and advertised.

2. Fines Committee: The committee recommended a new fine schedule to be sent to the township board for approval. Motion by Borst to recommend Short-Rental fines 1st offence \$300.00, 2nd offence within one year \$450.00, further offences within one year \$600.00. Supported by Whelpley, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance motion by Fong to recommend Zoning Ordinance fines 1st Offence \$100.00, 2nd offence within one year \$300.00, further offences within one year \$550.00. Civil Infraction Ordinance #20 motion by Borst to recommend 1st offence \$100.00, 2nd offence within one year \$300.00, further offences within one year \$550.00. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Boat Mooring motion by Cook to recommend 1st offence \$200.00, 2nd offence within one year \$300.00, further offences within one year \$500.00. Supported by Walsworth, voice vote, all ayes motions carried.

3. Dangerous Buildings Ordinance is still a work in progress.

Public Comment: Patti Hammond asked about various signs around the township. Tom Hartman rental boats and kayaks being offered. He doesn't feel the new no parking laws are being enforced. He was referred to the Sheriff Department. He asked how the rental violations are being handled.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Jake Whelpley, Secretary