

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2016

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

Roll Call: Present; Fong, Borst, Fuehring, Terry, Coker, Hosner, Cook, Whelpley, and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: None

Agenda: Motion by Fong, supported by Borst, to add Ann Bateman's letter to correspondence, all ayes. Agenda approved as amended.

Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Meeting; Motion by Fuehring, supported by Fong to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting. All ayes motion approved.

Correspondence: Letters from Jon Genzink, Wayne and Connie Van Huis, and Lynn Jacobs concerning the proposed short term rental ordinance were read. The letters are on file.

Zoning Administrator Report:: 41 permits have been issued to date this year. 8 permits for July two of which are new homes.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Discussion of the Public hearing on the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance:

Hosner: What's the reason for the Ordinance, Inspections should be less often and be only for health and safety issues, room size is immaterial, noise should be addressed by the Noise Ordinance.

Fong: Rentals should be looked at as commercial ventures thereby rules should be safety and health oriented, maybe cubic feet should be used not square feet for room size, more emphasis on septic system over use.

Borst: Needs some rewriting, do away with room size, look closer at parking and the noise ordinance and all other ordinances to solve the problems.

Fuehring: Committee did a great job coming up with Ordinance, needs rewrite, change the zoning to commercial.

Whelpley: Let factions work together on solving the problems mostly noise and parking, meet with new sheriff on the noise and other ordinances.

Terryn: Treat as commercial operations.

Coker: Lit exit signs, septic systems over use, use turnover limits to determine short term, longer inspection periods.

Cook: Noise and parking were the biggest issues, leave this for now and look into other ordinances to cover these issues.

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

1. Motion by Borst, supported by Fong to recommend to the Township Board to approve adding Section 4.33(6) Parking of a recreational vehicle in the front yard setback area of any parcel is prohibited. Having more than four (4) recreational vehicles on any parcel constitutes a campground as defined by Michigan Public Act 368 of 1978 article 125. Discussion, defining the front yard setback is not needed as it is defined in other parts of the Ordinance. Fong called for the question, supported by Fuehring. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Jack Doorlag: thank you for your work looking into the situation it was needed. Unknown person asked if a sewer system is coming soon the answer is it's being looked at. Is there a parking Ordinance? The township board can set parking rules now.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Jake Whelpley, Secretary