

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 26, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Present; Beaudoin, Fong, Walsworth, Terryn, Coker, Cook, Whelpley, Ed McNeely Attorney and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: None 54 Members of the public.

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

Minutes of the February 26, 2019 Meeting: Motion by Fong to approve the February 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Supported by Terryn, voice vote, all ayes motion carried. Motion by Walsworth to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 Special Meeting. Supported by Terryn, voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 6 zoning permits issued to date. 164 rental permits received to date. Court cases for rental violations have been started.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

a. Section 4.42 Temporary Vendors: Kasey Mahony on the MDNR addressed the commission about the contract between the Silver Lake State Park and Hideaway Campground to sell prepared food on the sand dunes with in the state park. The food will be prepared at the campgrounds licensed kitchen. The commission took no action on this matter as it appears to be no violation of Section 4.42.

b. Public Hearing Section 4.14 Amendment: **Proposed Language 1/15/2019**

**4.14 Use of Semi-Trailers for Storage Purposes**

The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and other utility trailers for the storage of agricultural products in the agricultural zoning district prior to the shipment of such products for processing or sale is permitted in the agricultural zoning district as a matter of right, they may not be used as dwellings. The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and other utility trailers for the storage of goods or materials or as dwellings in any other zoning district shall not be permitted unless otherwise stated on a Zoning Permit for no more than 6 months.

Chairman Cook opened the public hearing.

Z.A. Draper has had questions about using shipping containers for storage and dwellings. A committee was appointed and the result is proposed amendment language.

Public Comment: Bill Kolenda; would like commercial zones to be exempted as there is often need for more storage for perishable items and these containers are vermin proof. Refrigerated storage is needed for events.

Mark Huber; would the 6-month permit be renewable each year?

Patti Hammond; there should be a better definition of utility trailer.

Gary Orr; there should be language to control aesthetics and who will enforce this.

Ron Varran; trailers should be licensed.

Tom Hartman; None of these vehicles should be allowed in any residential zone.

Cook closed the public hearing.

Chairman Cook referred this matter back to sub-committee for review and changes.

c. Review Section 4.39 Septic System Inspection: discussion centered on enforcement and the ability to find violations because of a property transfer in a timely fashion. We get no help from the District #10 Health Department because the state has no laws about Septic System maintenance. Motion by Fong to refer this matter back to the sub-committee for further study. Supported by Walsworth, voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

New Business:

a. Site Plan Review for Silver Lake Tees. Judith Schmidt presented a site plan to add a breezeway to connect the two buildings. Z.A. Draper stated it meets all setback requirements. Motion by Beaudoin to approve the site plan as presented. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

Old Business:

a. Master Plan Report: WSRDC has sent a draft of the Future Land Use Map for review. This was done at the February 26 special meeting. Z.A. Draper pointed out the Historical Park in Mears and the RC area on 24<sup>th</sup> Ave at the dune entrance and the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Silver Lake Rd. had been left out.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Gary Orr: township should be requiring permits on transferred properties like Grand Haven Township does. Whelpley commented that Grand Have Township probably has more staff and money to fund that process than Golden does.

Patti Hammond: explained that there are pending bills in the legislature addressing septic system maintenance.

Mary Hubbel: Golden should be requiring septic system pump outs on everyone.

Dave Dickman: is there a Zoning Ordinance building height limit. Answer is yes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Jake Whelpley, Secretary