

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 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 14 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 March 26, 2019 Meeting: Motion by Beaudoin to approve the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Supported by Coker, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Mark Borst 10b, Julie Sharpsteen 10b, Debra Borst 10c.

Correspondence: A letter was read from PC member Beaudoin suggesting considering a moratorium on commercial development near Silver Lake until the sewer issue is resolved and encouragement of residential uses not commercial.

Zoning Administrator Report: 16 zoning permits issued to date 3 of which are for new dwellings. 31 citations issued for rental violations, 12 of which taken to court. All cases have been won with approximately \$7700.00 in fines received. Attended training sessions at the MTA convention. Working with the Applefest committee on issues from last year. The legislature is looking at bills to allow all rentals, long and short term, as permitted uses in all zoning districts without zoning regulation.

New Business:

- a. Site Plan Amendment for Mac Woods Dune Rides. Amendment is to add some playground equipment, a 18'x30' pirate ship. All setbacks are met. Beaudoin asked if there was a fence to by the road. Chris Olson stated the is one there now. Motion by Terryn to approve the site plan for the playground pirate ship. Supported by Walsworth, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried Fong abstained.
- b. Site Plan Amendment for Grace Adventures to enclose two existing 16'x32' tent roof overs and construct one new one at 16'x32'. Motion by Fong to approve the site plan amendment for enclosing two existing 16'x32' tent roof overs and constructing one new one. Supported by Whelpley, voice vote, all ayes motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Master Plan Review: There were no changes offered for the new Master Plan or maps. Motion by Whelpley to send the new Master Plan to the Township Board with a recommendation to put it out for public review and comment. Supported by Fong, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

- a. Amendment to Section 4.14: Section 4.14 Use of Semi-Trailers and Other Containers: the following amendment was presented for consideration: The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and other properly licensed 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 as a matter of right. The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and other unlicensed utility trailers for the storage of goods or materials in R-1, RR zoning district shall not be permitted unless otherwise stated on a Zoning Permit good for no more than 6 months. The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and unlicensed utility trailers shall not be used as dwellings in any zoning district. The use of semi-trailers, shipping containers, van truck boxes, and unlicensed utility trailers for the storage of goods or materials in any commercial use area is permitted by issuance of a zoning permit. Motion by Whelpley to send this amendment of Section 4.14 to the Township Board with a recommendation for approval. Supported by Terryn, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- b. Section 4.39 Septic System Inspection: This review is on hold until the Township Board makes a decision on the sewer system. Mark Borst agrees with this stance. Julie Sharpsteen as contacted the Health Departments supervisors and was told the local office had no knowledge of the township passing the ordinance or of any problems the township has had with getting assistance on enforcement. Whelpley stated the local office had encouraged us to pass the ordinance and gave him samples from other townships.
- c. Dangerous Buildings: Debra Borst told the board of the need of doing something about dangerous buildings by describing a situation on Spencer St. of a dilapidated mobile home with a tree fallen on it. Whelpley has taken 21 pictures of lots with various type of issued in and around Mears.

Public Comment: Patti Hammond, the new master plan is great the board should have done the same process with the sewer system. Tim LeMahieu, too much can't do, lets look to the public to find ways we can do things.

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

Jake Whelpley, Secretary

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