

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 30, 2019**

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

Roll Call: Present; Beaudoin, Fong, Walsworth, Terryn, Coker, Whelpley, Ed McNeely Attorney and Zoning Administrator Draper. Absent: Cook. Members of the public:29

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

Minutes of the June 25, 2019 Meeting: Motion by Walsworth to approve the June25, 2019 minutes as presented. Supported by Terryn, voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 51 zoning permits to date, 181 Rental permits and a few pending, 2 citations issued, working with the MDEQ/EGLE on high water problems.

New Business:

- a. Public Hearing on amendment to Zoning Ordinance Section 4.33(6). The proposed amendment is to remove “The parking of a recreational vehicle in the front yard set-back area of any parcel in the RR, Resort Residential, and R-1 Single Family Residential Districts is prohibited.” Replace it with “The parking of a recreational vehicle in the front yard must be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the roads edge on any parcel in the RR, Resort Residential, and R-1 Single Family Residential Districts.

Public Hearing Opened.

Zoning Administrator: In some cases, it is difficult to determine the front property line. Using the road edge or centerline would make it easier to determine the proper location of the recreational vehicle.

Public Comments: Teresa Eiben, Larry Puffenburger, J.C Coville, Ron Watson, Gary Hafenmiester all written comments opposed are attached.

Mark Huber: 30 feet off the road will all be different on different lots.

Faith Huber: Limit the areas of lot that may be used on different sized lots.

Debra Borst: RVs parked in many front yards, how does that make the neighborhoods look. Use the 33 feet road way and the 25 feet together.

Gary Hafenmiester: There are many vehicles of all kinds in the area. Set-backs should be enforced. My front yard is the lake. Pick areas to enforce the parking not the whole area.

Mike Dirske: There are many different situations on many lots there should be exceptions made to accommodate them.

Andrew Gurink: Use the 25 foot set-back off road edge only.

Mary Huber: Send a survey around to lot owners for their opinions.

Draper: The main concern is public safety of entering and exiting driveways, intersections and visibility for drivers.

Attorney McNeely: The road edge or center line are not good choices. The lot line is better defined.

Fong Closed the Public Hearing.

Old Business:

- a. Reminder that next meeting, August 27, will be the Public Hearing on the revised Master Plan.

Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

- a. Dangerous Building Committee Report: The committee will begin work this fall.

Public Comment:

Tom Hartman: Brush and trees on White Birch Drive need trimming.

Gary Hafenmiester: Township should add tourist fees to cover infrastructure.

Frank Hilborn: Roads, especially gravel ones, move with traffic flow. Pass a flush dye ordinance to find failed septic systems.

Dave Carlson: Master Plan pages 7&8 should give more detail about solutions for septic systems.

Mark Huber: a hole on Emerald Street.

Ted Ferwerda: Set up an overlay district for area to have storage building without homes.

Barb Hilborn: Make more bike lanes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Jake Whelpley, Secretary