

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF LEE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 7:00 P.M.
LEE TOWNSHIP HALL MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

PRESENT: Planning Commissioners- Tom York, Linda Taylor, Mari Spraul, Mike Spitnale and Laura Dawson **ABSENT:** None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wilson, Tim Smith: Lee Township Enforcement Officer, The Pitt family along with 5 other present.

Open Time: Mari Spraul called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Minutes: Linda Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2016 as written. Tom York seconded the motion. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mari Spraul received a letter from Kari Triplett of Chickadees & Bumblebees Childcare, LLC asking if she needed permission to expand her business. The Zoning Ordinance requires her to follow State Guidelines.

Mari Spraul made a motion to leave the regular monthly meeting and enter into the Public Hearing. Tom York seconded the motion. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Jerry Wilson explained his intent of expanding his business to include an outdoor shooting range. Mr. Wilson stated: he would construct a 30ft outdoor pistol shooting range enclosed with a privacy fence using a berm as a permanent backdrop, following NRA guidelines for a Range Building. He explained the setup, times of usage and safety concerns. Also the fact that the cost of an indoor range is expensive. He also stated his employees had many hours of training which would help with the safety concerns.

The Pitt family, who resides on both side of said property, stressed concerns for their family's safety as they feel a pistol shooting range would be too close.

Tom York made a motion to exit the Public Hearing and re--enter the regular monthly meeting. Linda Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor.

DELIBERATION: Planning Commissioners had open discussion on the information that was presented and the homework that had been done on an individual basis of the commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT: After a lengthy discussion, Tom York made a motion to Not Allow Mr. Wilson to have said outdoor shooting range. Mike Spitnale seconded said motion.

Roll call: Tom York: yes, Linda Taylor: no, Mari Spraul: yes, Mike Spitnale: yes, Laura Dawson: no

OFFICIAL DECISION: Three members in favor of No Outdoor shooting range because:

1. Close proximity to next door neighbors and that the outdoor firing range would be located in a predominantly residential area. (Residential/Ag.)

2. Special Use conflicts with Lee Township's Noise Ordinance #63.

~~Two members in favor of.~~ (This line is to be removed)

Special Use Application "Outdoor Recreation" Denied

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Old Business: Planning Commissioners covered pages 63--74 of the MTA's Township Planning & Zoning Decision -Making.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pastor Dan of Lighthouse Body of Christ asked a couple of questions concerning his church property, which is located at 6630 W. Isabella Rd.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: New Business: "No new business."

ADJOURNMENT: Tom York made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Taylor seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Laura Dawson

Planning Commission Secretary