

SPECIAL USE PERMIT SITE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING
7:00 P.M. TUESDAY JULY 3, 2018
LEE TOWNSHIP HALL

Gwen Malone, 5 Pinehaven Circle, Midland, MI submitted a special use permit site plan for a kennel. She stated it will be animal rescue and re-home, an alternative to high kill shelters. Smart Paws will work with her. She will be working with the people of the community and sharing information with other organizations.

Open/completion date – hopes to have construction begin next spring with completion of phase one within a year.

Mostly working with local animal population but will include surrounding communities. The focus will be temporary or foster care for animals with focus on finding homes, caring for pets displaced by flood, accident, etc. There is need for help for pets. This is different than Humane Society program.

Sustainability – partially self-sustained. She has a gift donor list and grant money. No affiliations. She just received tax exempt status approval. Funding 501C3 means people donating can claim donations on their taxes. She has plans for marketing and advertising.

Special use for a kennel is under Residential Ag, not home occupation.

It has water to all the buildings. Once Smart Paws portion is split off, they will have their own water hook up. They must come back to the Commission with an application that meets the requirements when the split happens.

Hours – some regular hours but emergency situations will be handled as needed.

Public comments received.

Gwen addressed the concerns of those who gave public comments. The total number of animals is based on how many kennels are incorporated in the structure. No animals will be left outside overnight. Main buildings will have sound deadening. Lighting will not interfere with neighbors and will be turned off at night. Traffic will have little change. Wildlife will still be there. It will be a local place for animals. Vet will be available when needed.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Rick and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Planning Commission Secretary