

Lee Township Planning Commission Meeting
And Public Hearing for Special Use Permit
Held June 18, 2019
At the Lee Township Hall
Midland MI

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Present: Bill Stewart, Rick Payne, Mari Spraul, Mike Spitnale and Doris French

Guest: Rodney Nanney

A motion to approve the agenda after moving the site plan discussion and public hearing motion to just after the minutes approval was made by Bill and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting with the addition of the words special use in the heading was made by Rick and seconded by Mari. Motion passed.

Motion by Mari and seconded by Bill that we table site plan till July meeting to give Duane Forshee time to submit the additional information needed to complete the site plan and drawing. Motion passed.

Motion to move to public hearing made by Bill and seconded by Doris. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Mike yes, Doris yes.

Request is for a special use permit for a kennel on Duane Forshee's property. Rick read the requirements.

Duane answered yes to all the conditions in the special use permit conditions. Public comments included why permit wasn't made prior to building the kennel - It just came to our attention that he didn't have a permit. Has building been inspected & whose job is it to inspect it. How many dogs belong to Duane and how many will be in the kennel. Duane's dogs are kept in the house. The permit from the county doesn't cover boarding. How will he keep dog population controlled to the permitted amount if some are in the house and some in the kennel. Is kennel sound-proof.

A motion to close the public hearing and return to general meeting was made by Mari and seconded by Bill. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Mike yes, Doris yes.

The commission wants more information on ventilation, lighting, noise, drainage, hours of operation, exercise area, distance to property boundary, landscaping between neighboring property and other items. Want a business plan to accompany the site plan. The commission will stay neutral so the Supervisor should help Duane get a business plan and the drawing that includes all the information required. He will come back to the commission when he has that information.

A motion to table the special use permit until we get the information we need was made by Doris and seconded by Mari. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Mike yes, Doris yes. We will tentatively put it on the agenda for July.

Public comments opened and closed.

Medical and recreational marijuana: Board will give the ordinance information back to us when they are finished. We have to amend our medical marijuana ordinance. Doris gave them the Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments Ordinance.

Also include in a recreational marijuana ordinance to cover where establishments, growers, etc can be. We have to set this policy according to that the township wants. Each license should be separate. Is it an agricultural product and how do we regulate it. Growing is not grandfathered in. We will have the most problem with enforcing grower regulations.

On the site plan applications, we have to include a refundable escrow fee. This will cover things above the cost of publishing and mailing the notices.

We have to get the different ordinance revisions incorporated in the ordinance book. Rodney has a list of what has been done so far.

Solar, Wind and Wedding Barns: the Board has not given us any directions on them. Doris mentioned an article about solar energy. She will make copies for the members.

Next meeting will be July 16, 2019.

Motion to adjourn made by Mari and seconded by Bill. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Planning Commission Secretary