

Lee Township Planning Commission
Special Use Permit Meeting and Site Plan Public Hearing
Held August 29, 2019
At the Lee Township Hall
Midland, MI

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill and seconded by Rick. Motion passed with one no vote.

A motion to accept the August 20 meeting minutes with the correction of the word GAAMPS and add growing to micro facility was made by Rick and seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

A motion to open the public hearing for the Smart Paws Site Plan was made by Bill and seconded by Mike. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Doris yes. Motion passed.

Rick summarized the Special Use Permit before the Commission. Sylvia Giluydis outlined the plan for a small animal rescue and sanctuary site plan. She explained where the building will be placed and future barns. It will be a rescue sanctuary for small animals. Any puppies sheltered will be under four months old.

Public comments included concern for barking dogs, flooding, impact on wildlife and what types of animals will be included at the site. She explained the purpose of the sanctuary. The public was satisfied with her explanations.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Bill and seconded by Mari. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Doris yes. Motion passed.

After discussion about those concerns, and comments from the public, a motion to approve the Special Use Permit was made by Mari and seconded by Mike. Bill yes, Rick yes, Mari yes, Doris yes. Motion passed.

Public comments: none

Discussion on the Smart Paws Site Plan included driveway and parking, and the size of the sign. The driveway and proposed parking are adequate for their needs. Sylvia was advised to refer to the ordinance on signs.

A motion to approve the Site Plan was made by Mari and seconded by Bill. Mari yes, Mike yes, Bill yes, Rick yes, Doris yes. Motion passed.

Other matters: The Commission discussed the zoning administrator position. The Commission Chair or Vice Chair has always done that in the past. It would be a new position, so would it include a fee for assembling the packages, typing and sending notices. Would it include meetings and is it fair to the

residents to pay for a short (1/2 hour) meeting. This will be brought up at the September Board meeting.

We are to review updating the special use standards and procedures process for the September meeting.

Medical marijuana: We will ask the Board to have Rodney Nanney to prepare a document amendment to the ordinance.

Public comments: Concerns about a shooting range on the corner of Gordonville and Meridian. The Commission explained the use and showed drawings of the site to the public.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mari and seconded by Bill. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2019 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Planning Commission Secretary