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## **Oct. 5, 2020 Special meeting minutes, Lee Twp. Planning Commission**

The Special meeting October 5, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 pm

Lee Township Hall (total of 10 persons)

Attendance: Present - Rick P., Mari S., Fritz S., Bill S., Molly – excused  
Absence

Agenda: Mari moved to add discussion of a 1-page MTA article on PC Autonomy.

Rick seconded, approved by all present.

September 10, 2020 mtg minutes. Mari moved to accept as submitted, Bill seconded, approved by all present.

New Business:

Site plan review for Replacement building at 47 N. 7 Mile. Rick handed out copies of application, building permit app. and sketch. Owner, Julie Varshook, was present to explain that this is a replacement 40 by 60-foot building (same footprint as original 2005 structure) that was destroyed by Fire in August 2020.

She was shocked at the reality that she has paid out \$7,000 so far for permits and approvals and no construction has been started yet. Over 9 weeks to get a shovel in the ground.

There were no other public comments on this site plan review.

Rick moved to approve site plan; Bill seconded. Approved by all present.

New Business:

Mari read the highlighted paragraph from the MTA article she handed out and started a discussion on her concern about the Twp Supv. Influence with the PC.

Rick responded and the shouting began. The Zoning board of appeals currently has 2 members (Rick and Laura) and 3 vacancies. Twp. Supv. is considered the Zoning administrator. Bill was accused of forcing out Mike Spitnale, soon after Rick called a 5-minute recess for tempers to cool down.

Public Comment: Al Anger acknowledged that the previous “Shouting Match” did not resolve past hard feelings and talking over each other does not ensure that your position is heard, understood, or adopted.

Jessica Barber introduced herself to the audience.

Larry Henry introduced himself and his family just had a baby boy last week. He also asked about the Zoning Board of appeals.

Rick explained and then Mari brought up that the ZBA can only rule on variances and not over-rule the PC as was done during the Gun Range. Previous action, now obsolete.

Rick called Mari out of order and moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded and Vote was: Bill- Y, Mari- N, Rick- Y, Fritz- Y. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:35pm.

Submitted,

Frederick Schroeder, Sctry.

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