

# ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016

**MEETING COMMENCED:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### THOSE PRESENT

Tom Hilberg, Lisa Brendle, Larry Dehring, Norm Poli, Fred Sterns, and Chuck LeFebvre

### ABSENT

Ann Marie Rich

### OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Sobczak	Herbert Palmer
Travis O'Connor	Marie Twite, Supervisor
Amanda Kish	Donald Cook
Marie Kaminski	David Bisgrove
Grace Koseba	Susan Skibbe
Leo Koseba	Bonita Frantz
Steve & Leslie Wilson - Applicant	Wayne Lusardi
Mark & Deb Milostan	Robert Lakin
Al Haltiner	Tyler Winowicki
Ulysses Christopher Walls - Applicant	

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

F. Sterns made a **motion** to adopt the agenda, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. *Motion passed.*

### **PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. Sterns made a **motion** to approve the June 13, 2016 minutes, **supported** by N. Poli. *Motion passed.*

### CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letters - Case #P-05-16 - D. Ohmart/R. & K. Shupert
- B. Letters - Case #P-06-16 - F. Allbee/T.Bowes/G. Tiffany/M. & A. Davis/D. Bisgrove
- C. Report - 05-16 - R. Deuell, Planning Consultant
- D. Report - 06-16 - R. Deuell, Planning Consultant

### NEW CASES

1. **Case #P-05-16**, Steve & Leslie Wilson requested a SPECIAL APPROVAL USE to allow farm animals on property located at 2405 Maple Grove, Parcel #013-015-000-180-07 in a Mixed Residential (R-3) zoned district.

Letters submitted by Randy & Kathy Shupert and Don Ohmart were read. Steve Wilson addressed this case and his goal to manage runoff. Allen Haltiner is opposed, citing safety and the flooding last year.

F. Sterns made a **motion** to **grant** the SPECIAL APPROVAL USE, **supported** by L. Dehring. Reasons for granting case are contingent upon:

- a. Working with the Department of Agriculture to do a GAAMPS plan and share the information with the Township Building Official.
- b. Work with Alpena County Drain Commission regarding run-off.

**Roll call vote:** L. Brendle-aye; L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-aye; A. Rich-absent; and F. Sterns-aye. **Motion passed.**

2. **Case #P-06-16**, Ulysses Christopher Walls requested a SPECIAL APPROVAL USE to allow farm animals on property located at 4485 El Cajon Beach Road, Parcel # 014-003-000-501-00 in a Mixed Residential (R-3) zone district.

Letters submitted by Susan Asher - President Huron Beach Assoc, David Bisgrove, Gary Tiffany, Mark Davis, Frank & Kathy Allbee and Thomas Bowes were read.

U. Christopher Walls was in attendance to address this case and described it as a hobby farm that he would have Terry McDonald manage on the non-lake side. Timber would be harvested.

Mrs. Deb Milostan of 8125 Hamilton Road shared information with the commission on agriculture codes, wetlands, cedar swamp and endangered flowers. She was concerned with run-off and the number of animals. H. Palmer of 4245 El Cajon Beach Rd had no objection. D. Bisgrove of 8300 Hamilton Rd questioned why have a zoning board, character of neighborhood and intensive animal feeding. Walls rebuttal was he would rescind "max" animals. El Cajon Beach Association offered to help remove trees. M. Kaminski of the Huron Beach Assoc. opposed. J. Sobzcak opposed because of hunting, shallow wells and wetlands. Bisgrove's wife opposed as they would be exposed to sights and sounds plus other issues would be marketability and water needs. C. Walls stated he would comply with agencies and he was not going to do intensive farming/feeding. Bisgrove's wife also was concerned with the hog farm, changing of property and good neighbors. C. LeFebvre made comments regarding the aquafer.

F. Sterns made a **motion** to **grant** SPECIAL APPROVAL USE, **supported** by L. Dehring. Granting case is contingent upon it conforming to GAAMPS Plan.

**Roll call vote:** L. Brendle-aye; L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-naye; A. Rich-absent; and F. Sterns-aye. **Motion passed.**

## **DISCUSSION**

Travis O'Connor, Case #P-08-14: Discussion ensued regarding bringing the berm down to 8 ft. O'Connor stated that he could not afford to take down the berm. Neighbor L. Koseba said that conversations were discussed with O'Connor and he was tired of looking at the mess behind his place.

N. Poli made a **motion** to send this case to the Board of Trustees to seek enforcement, **supported** by F. Sterns.

*Roll call vote: L. Brendle-aye; L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-aye; A. Rich-absent; and F. Sterns-aye. Motion passed.*

**NEXT WORKSHOP** - July 18, 2016

**NEXT MEETING** - August 8, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT**

F. Sterns made a **motion** to adjourn, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. **Meeting Adjourned** by Chairperson Hilberg at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brendle  
Acting Secretary

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