

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

August 6, 2019-6:30 p.m.

Garfield Township Hall

1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES OF REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Meeting called to order by chairperson, Lee Deary at 6:33 pm
2. Pledge was recited.
3. Roll call was taken: Keith Badour, Gregory Jacobs, Lee Deary, Kathleen Niemiec, Leroy Day
4. Attendance: 5
5. Minutes from previous meeting of May 7, May 14 and June 25, 2019 were approved. Motion w/support: Day/Badour
6. Public Comment: none
7. Unfinished business: Motion w/support-open: Day/Badour
 - a. Cannot regulate oil wells
 - b. Solar farm reports: Keith obtained township report, copies made for planning commission members. Much discussion followed. Members will research for more info as follows: Keith (Arenac), Greg (Larkin), Kathy (Fraser), Lee (Beaver Twsp supervisor)
Planning commission members will spend approx. 30 minutes at Dec. meeting with reports on solar and approx. 30 minutes re: sand extraction ordinance amendment. Motion w/support-close: Day/Badour
8. New business: Motion w/support-open: Badour/Day
 - a. SUP violation-Discussion w/Mr. Gushow followed:
Letter from Mr. Gushow to supervisor, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. & Mrs. Niemiec was read by Planning Commission Secretary. After much discussion Planning Commission is giving Mr. Gushow 3 months to make substantial progress, restoration (50%) on the East property line which is violation #14.
Backfilling of stagnant pools (50%) completion will be done

which is violation #13. Planning Commission will add 3 months more for restoration as long as substantial progress is made. Verbal ok's will not be accepted by Planning Commission, written consent is required.

Motion w/support: Badour/Jacobs Motion carried to comply with the SUP.

b. Report on seminar attended by secretary. Excellent!

c. Performance guarantees & escrow with regards to sand pits will be established by the Township Board on Monday.

d. Amend existing SUP for extraction operations, sand & borrow pits will be discussed at December meeting using template from attorney.

e. Ground Breakers seeking SUP-waiting for established performance guarantees & escrow from township board.

f. SUP-Joe Rhode-Trustee Day was accused of harassment by Mr. Rhode. Trustee Day denied trespassing on Mr. Rhode property. Mr. Rhode called planning commission chairman to ask why an elected official was trespassing.

Motion w/support-close:

Badour/Day

9. Report from zoning administrator- 5 permits

10. Next planning commission meeting is December 3, 2019, 6:30 PM

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM Motion w/support-adjourn:

Day/Jacobs

Minutes submitted by Planning Commission Secretary-Kathleen Niemiec