

Sandstone Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 4, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Chris Crisenbery, Peggy Eiler, Blaine Goodrich, Greg Inosencio, Cheryl Marks

GUESTS: Christ Atkin, Keith Acker (6:15)

Chairman Crisenbery called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Blaine Goodrich moved to approve the agenda. Greg Inosencio supported the motion. Motion passed. Cheryl Marks moved to approve the minutes as printed of the November 5, 2018 meeting. Blaine Goodrich supported the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Consultant Chris Atkin had sent all of us the proposed changes to the various ordinance additions we have been discussing the last few meetings. A copy of this memo is on file in the township office with changes in red and blue.

A. He changed the road type wording for Agricultural Commercial/Tourism Business. All structures should meet building codes for Michigan. 7F will reference our Sign Ordinance.

B. He added Charter to the language for Solar Farms. We will use 8,000 square feet not 4,000. He cleaned up the subsections and added diagrams for total area measurements. Small solar farms will not have to come to the Planning Commission but can be handled at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator. The language for solar farms is quite extensive and detailed. Blaine Goodrich commented that Consumers Energy has changed their language on solar farms property. The property where solar farms can be installed must be contiguous so now the Western High School/Middle School complex will have their panels installed near the giant W on the athletic field/cross country area which is in Sandstone Township. Our consultant said that schools are exempt from many ordinances but must follow other laws.

C. We added that the donation boxes must have proof on file in township office of being an approved 5013c in Michigan.

D. We spent much discussion time on Commercial Truck Parking/Temporary Lodging language. New language is in red. New definitions have been added for identifying types of vehicles. Consultant will bring sample permits to the next meeting. We vacillated on motor home/travel trailer language in 5.8.3 and the meaning regarding storage/parking and appearance. We changed 5.8.4 to permanent not temporary. We changed 5.8.3 to Mobile Home not Motor Home or Travel Trailer. We are not ready for a Public Hearing on this particular ordinance but will hold the PUBLIC HEARING for the first three on February 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Keith Acker shared that Vet Jason Thornsberry had met with consultant, Ken Powers, Jack Shelby and Keith regarding the vet clinic. A variance may be needed due to an easement issue and pipeline on property that is 18 inches below surface and is not in proper setback. Jason needs an architect stamp on his prints. Vet needs to talk to county Health Department and Drain Commissioner. He may want to add small animals to his practice.

PUBLIC HEARING to be held on 2-5-19. We will also nominate officers and set calendar.

Greg Inosencio moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37. Peggy Eiler supported the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Marks-Secretary