



Meeting called by: Vice-Chair Sevey @ 7:30 PM

Members Present: Vice-Chair Sevey requested Member Roll Call

Al Myers __X__ Hal Babcock __X__ Mark Hoskins __X__ Keith Sawade __X__ Rick Sevey __X__
Jon Tilburt __X__ Joe VandenBerg __X__

Others present: Attorney – Leisman, Zoning Administrator - Gross

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Minutes:

Sevey: Called for motion to accept December 2021 minutes. Motion by Tilburt second by Sawade; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Sevey: Called for motion to accept Agenda with removal of DexKo Rezone, Unfinished Business. Motion by Tilburt, second by Sawade; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Public Comment - Matters not the Subject of Public Hearing/Agenda Items:

Sevey: Called for public comment - with no public comment, public comment closed.

Agenda Items to be reviewed by the Planning Commission:

Agenda Item 1: Election of Planning Commission Officers

Sevey: Called for nominations for Chairperson. (Myers) nomination for Rick Sevey. (Sevey) Accepted - called for motion to elect Rick Sevey as Chairperson. Motion by Myers, second by Hoskins; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Sevey: Called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. (Hoskins) nomination for Jon Tilburt. (Tilburt) Accepted.

Sevey: Called for motion to elect Jon Tilburt as PC Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Hoskins, second by Sawade; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Sevey: Called for nominations for Secretary. (Sawade) nomination for Al Myers. (Myers) Accepted.

Sevey: Called for motion to elect Al Myers as Secretary. Motion by Sawade, second by Tilburt; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Planning Commission officers for 2022

Chairperson – Rick Sevey

Vice-Chairperson – Jon Tilburt

Secretary – Al Myers

Agenda Item #2: Scheduled Public Hearing – Accessory Buildings Ordinance Amendment

Sevey: Called for public comment with explanation of procedures/proposal. With no public comment, public comment closed.

PC Discussion: (Tilburt) Wants to add the words, “wood structure” to the list. (Sevey) Called for motion to approve ordinance with amended list including “wood structure.” Motion by Hoskins, second by Myers; all Ayes, Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #2: Scheduled Public Hearing – Kennels Ordinance Amendment

Sevey: Called for public comment with explanation of procedures/proposal. *1: (Babcock, Vicky) Rules same as commercial kennels now? Excessive regulation; cats shouldn't be included; more than 3 animals should be allowed; foster animals shouldn't be included; barn cats should apply to this unless Right to Farm Act protects it. Referenced personal letter to Planning Commission. Submitted as Attachment #1A. *2: (Nix) Grandfathered in w/current animals; Will it be case-by case? Some cases understandable.

PC Discussion: (Gross) Ordinance intended to be fair – most cases based on complaint and confirmation. (Myers) Re: developments – 2 dogs on a lot is a lot on a 1-acre lot. (Hoskins) Bylaws of most developments tell animal requirements. (Leisman) Regulations shouldn't restrict building within 200' of kennels. (Babcock) Could new buildings be put in within 200'? (Leisman) read ordinances/proposed changes. (Hoskins) Changes: puppy age from 6 months to 4 months, add verbiage that 200'/5 acres could be case by case.

Sevey: Called for motion to accept changes to Kennel Ordinance. Motion by Myers, second by Hoskins. Ayes – Myers, Sawade, Tilburt, Sevey, Hoskins, VandenBerg. Nays – Babcock. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: N/A

Open Discussion for Issues not on Agenda:

1. Correspondence distributed: By Laws and Rules of Procedure, Solon Township Planning Commission

2. Planning Commission Members: N/A

Report of Township Board Representative: (Hoskins) N/A

Report of Board of Appeals Representative: (Tilburt) N/A

Report of Zoning Administrator: (Gross) N/A

Additional Public Comment:

Sevey: Called for any additional public comment. *1(Babcock, Vicky) Look into changing number of animals in Kennel Ordinance. #2. (Nix) Questioned how to bring grievances to board. (Gross) Both PC and Township Board’s allow for public comment in regular meetings.

Sevey: With nothing further, public comment closed:

Sevey: Called for motion to adjourn: Motion by Tilburt, second by Sawade, all Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned: 8:39 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, Wednesday, February 23, 2022

*1: Vicky Babcock – 2811 18 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs, MI 49319 – Ref: Attachment #1A

*2: John Nix – 13358 Sunset View Dr., NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

- Secretary

- Date