

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b><u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u></b>  <b>Regular Meeting</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b><u>Thursday, August 17, 2017</u></b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p> <b>MINUTES</b>  Page 1 of 3  <b>APPROVED:</b> <u>tlc</u> </p>
<p> <b>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Greg Purcell</b>  <b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>  <b>Roll Call: Present:</b> Heystek, Purcell, Fiala, Beukema, Strickland, T. Knowles, VandenBerg.  <b>Present:</b> Larry Knowles, Zoning Administrator, Chuck Biggs- Constable  <b>Also Present:</b> Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner  <b>Staff Present:</b> Sandy Marcukaitis  <b>Visitors: 8</b> (not including staff present). </p>	<p> <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>  <b>PLEDGE</b>  <b>ROLL CALL</b> </p>
<p> <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Hearing regarding Marina Ordinance will be held in September, at the regularly scheduled PC meeting, (9/21/17).</li> </ul> <b>Motion by Beukema with support from T. Knowles to approve tonight's meeting agenda as amended. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</b> </p>	<p> <b>CHANGES TO AGENDA:</b>  <b>(Approval of Agenda as amended.)</b> </p>
<p> <b>REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES:</b>  <b>Board of Trustees-</b> Shane VandenBerg, regarding the last Board meeting (8/10/17), commented that Sandy Marcukaitis will be putting together a township newsletter. A Land Division for S. London was granted. The Board approved an amendment for Ordinance no. 08-01-2017 -Land Splits &amp; Platted Lot Split Regulations) to go to ZA and Assessor for approval. A Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Fire Station on Thursday, August 24, 2017.  <b>ZBA- Cathy Strickland</b> – The ZBA did not have a July meeting. </p>	<p> <b>BOARD REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES</b> </p>
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>
<p> <b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:</b>  <b>Motion by Beukema with support from Heystek to approve meeting minutes of July 20, 2017 (Regular PC Meeting) and June 19, 2017 (PC Master Plan Wkshp.) as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</b> </p>	<p> <b>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.</b> </p>
<p> <b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SEU #17-08-09. PARCEL ID 08-16-125-008-00.</b> A request by Michael Cunningham for a SEU Permit regarding Sec. 12.7 Outbuildings – to construct an outbuilding located on a lot without a principal structure that is less than two (2) acres in size. Property is a vacant lot on 1867 Heritage Bay Drive, Middleville, MI.</li> </ul> </p>	<p> <b>NEW BUSINESS</b> </p>

**Public Hearing Opened at 7:05 p.m.:**

Mike & Barb Cunningham of 1908 Heritage Bay Dr., Middleville, MI (Barlow Lake) presented a request for an outbuilding. M. Cunningham – submitted land survey, sketch of building, and sketch of building placement on lot. Presentation comments (typed), and aerial pics, were also provided along with a copy of application, and Barry County GIS Parcel Report.

35' x 45' is the footprint of building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made from public.

2 letters of support were received per Planning Commission Secretary, Tressa Knowles.

**Close of Public Hearing 7:11 p.m.**

**BOARD Deliberation:** All information was provided.

*MOTION by Fiala with support from Heystek to approve SEU request of M. Cunningham as presented (based on the application material/information submitted and standards of ordinance being met). Roll Call vote: Heystek: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Beukema: Yes, Strickland: Yes, Fiala: Yes, Purcell: Yes, T. Knowles: Yes. Yes: 7, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

**Discussion on Marina Ordinance:**

*(Copy of this ordinance to be sent to legal counsel, C. Kaufman, per recommendation of R. Harvey, Professional Planner.)*

*Motion by Purcell with support from Heystek to move Public Hearing of the marina ordinance to the Sept. PC meeting (9/21/17) with notice/(advertisement) of Public Hearing. Roll Call vote: Heystek: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Beukema: Yes, Strickland: Yes, Fiala: Yes, Purcell: Yes, T. Knowles: Yes. Yes: 7, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on Veteran's Memorial Site: Cathy Strickland commented regarding visiting Veterans Memorials of other communities with Roger Rottschafer, Trustee. Black stone (marble) (repurposed) has been acquired. Two Yankee Springs Open Houses were held. Votes were cast from the community. 90 votes were cast for locating the memorial at the Fire Station. 18 votes for the township park and one undecided. Auction will occur sometime in September. Mr. & Mrs. Kreple will assist with the auction. More funds are needed due to the cost of the marble stone taking up a large amount of the current fund.

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**Close of Public Hearing 7:11 p.m.**

**MOTION to APPROVE SEU Request of M. Cunningham, 1867 Heritage Bay Dr.**


**Discussion on Marina Ordinance**

**MOTION FOR PUBLIC HRG. On MARINA ORDINANCE.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed Amendment to Planning Commission Bylaws:** copies of the proposed amendment were distributed at the recent joint board meeting of 8/15/17 (MDOT). Discussion took place.

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APPROVED: 

*Motion by Fiala with support from T. Knowles to proceed as a group (the Planning Commission) and approve amendment to the Planning Commission By-laws and Rules of Procedure (under Article I – Authority and Responsibility). Roll Call vote: Heystek: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Beukema: Yes, Strickland: Yes, Fiala: Yes, Purcell: Yes, T. Knowles: Yes. Yes: 7, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.*

*G. Purcell will communicate the approval of the amendment to the Planning Commission By-laws to the township board and possibly S. Vandenberg would like to do so as well.*

**MTA Workshop August 23, 2017** – meet for carpooling at YS Twp. Office parking lot at 3 p.m. The event starts at 4:00 p.m.

**Other Business/Board comment:**

Paul Heystek commented on the township survey having data that could be tallied/summarized and submitted to the township newsletter making it available for residents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Greg Purcell, Chair, brought the Regular PC meeting to a close at 7:46 p.m. Workshop on the Master Plan (5:00 to 6:52 p.m.) will now resume.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary  
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Approved by:  Date:   
Tressa Knowles, Planning Commission Secretary