

<p style="text-align: center;"> YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP <u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u> Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. <u>Thursday, February 20, 2020</u> Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p> MINUTES Page 1 of 4 PC APPROVED: _____ </p>
<p> Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Planning Commission Acting Chair, Shana Bush. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> <u>Roll Call: Present:</u> Fiala, Beukema, Jansens, Kennedy, Bush, VandenBerg. <u>Absent with Notice:</u> C. Strickland (resigned) Shane VandenBerg entered meeting at 7:06 p.m. (due to a tragedy in his family) <u>Not Present:</u> Rebecca Harvey, Professional Planner <u>Staff Present:</u> Dave VanHouten, Chuck Biggs- Constable. <u>Visitors:</u> 4 (not including staff present). </p>	<p> CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL </p>
<p> <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> No changes except SEU – delayed per request of G. VanHouten, Applicant. Under New Business: <i>Motion by F. Fiala with support from K. Kennedy to table the SEU request of G. VanHouten- SEU #20-01-01 Parc. 16-125-005-00 until PC Meeting of April 17, 2020.</i> ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED. <i>Location of SEU Request is: near 1895 Heritage Bay Dr., Barlow Lake – Pole Building</i> </p>	<p> CHANGES TO AGENDA MOTION to TABLE request for SEU #20-01-01 until 4/17/20 PC mtg. </p>
<p> <u>REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES:</u> <u>Board of Trustees-</u> Shane VandenBerg, Trustee, commented, “There were some representatives from the trailer park in here (last Board meeting) that were very, very happy with the way the YS Township Board treated them...with the lighting; the safety of the young people in our community. There was another piece towards the end (of the Board meeting), there will be investigation in the computers in YS Township for items I guess being put in a cloud...I do know there will be an investigation.” P. Jansens asked S. VandenBerg what the issue was with the computers. S. VandenBerg replied, “Deleted files.” <u>ZBA-</u> Patrick Jansens commented that there was no meeting of the ZBA this month. </p>	<p> BOARD REPORTS from REPRESENTATIVES </p>
<p> <u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> D. VanHouten, 870 Rock Dr., commented, “I know that you are looking for people on the PC. I know that John Frigmanski has applied, and filled out an application. I just wanted to go on record that I think he would do a wonderful job on the PC. He has experience on the City of Wayland’s Planning Commission. He’s been on the ZBA here at Yankee Springs. So I think he would do a really nice job for you. There was a meeting on pickleball... I know the interest is high. I just think, that pickleball, </p>	<p> PUBLIC COMMENT </p>

the whole thing should be going through you guys, the Planning Commission (PC). Not through the Board. I think it should start here. And also just hearing about the missing files, I don't know a lot about the missing files. My understanding was it wasn't a deleted file. It was all a misunderstanding. They found the physical file that he thought was missing and there was something that sounded more like operator error. But yet it is probably a good time to review backup procedures. My experience with computers, it's usually operator error and procedures."

G. Medendorp, of Vista Point, commented that she couldn't hear the PC members speaking. Audience members then moved closer to the PC board table. The furnace was turned down to shut off the fan noise.

Close of Public Comment at 7:11 p.m. by Vice Chair S. Bush.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 16, 2020

Two changes needed: 1st page – Special “Event” not “Even” on bottom of page.

Also, on **top of page 2, Under Old Business: Public hearing for Non-Conforming Uses and Structures** – *(to now occur on 3/19/2020) not 2/20/20.*

Motion by Beukema with support from VandenBerg to approve minutes of January 16, 2020 as amended above. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Requested by Applicant G. VanHouten to delay until April/May 2020.

SEU 20-01-01 Parcel 16-125-005-00 Garry VanHouten. A request by property owner for SEU pursuant to Section 12.7 “Outbuildings”. The site is a 3.72 acre vacant lot. The property is currently zoned RLF and the applicant is requested to build an accessory building on vacant lot. (*See approval of Agenda above for motion to table SEU 20-01-01 until the April PC Meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of Gravel Mining**

Frank Fiala will contact Barry County Health Department regarding dumping manure.

R. Harvey provided an eight page 'earth removal' text for the PC using the Ross/Prairieville text as a template. At tonight's meeting, the PC noted that they would like to review this draft, dated Feb. 20, 2020 in more detail and will then discuss at the March meeting.

*Motion by Jansens with support from VandenBerg to table and discuss Draft of “Earth Removal” for Gravel Mining at next meeting (3/19/20). Gravel Mining will **not** go to Public Hearing with Non-Conforming Uses and Structures on 3/19/20. ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.*

MINUTES
February 20, 2020
Page 2 of 4
APPROVED: _____

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

TABLED SEU 20-01-01 per request of G. VanHouten, Heritage Bay, Barlow Lake

OLD BUSINESS

- **Solar Energy Facilities**

It was noted that Solar Energy facilities were not addressed in the recent Joint Meeting. S. VandenBerg (Board Rep.) commented that he would bring it (Solar Energy Facilities) up at the Board meeting. S. Bush commented that the PC will wait to hear back from the Board on this item.

- **Hall Rental Contract**

It was noted that the PC has been asked to address putting together or proposing a contract/agreement for renting the hall. Discussion took place. S. VandenBerg (Board Rep.) will go back to the board regarding this possibly being an item to be handled by a committee.

Such other business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

Discussion regarding the M-179 Corridor/Overlay, took place with the thought of possibly having businesses coming in to give input regarding the corridor/overlay ordinance requirements. Regarding M-179 Corridor/Overlay, Shane VandenBerg (Board Rep.) will bring this item to the Board, as well and find out the thoughts of the Board.

Motion by Fiala with support from Jansens to have S. VandenBerg (Board Rep.) go to the Board (Township) to ask for the Board's opinion and direction on: 1) Solar Energy Facilities, 2) Hall Rental Contract and 3) M-179 corridor. All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gloria Medendorp of Vista Point Dr. commented that an individual putting up a building on M-179 was required to put up bushes along M-179 for his project. Medendorp noted that it was unnecessary to have this landscaping requirement asking, "How will bushes add to the corridor?" G. Medendorp commented that she wants to see traffic coming- not a bush in the way. Regarding the township gazebo, G. Medendorp felt it should be "first come and first serve" and the gazebo shouldn't be rented out. "If you get there, fine. If you don't you better make other plans.... YS (Twp. Park) has no shade or picnic tables spread out." Regarding Hall rental, Medendorp asked if the township didn't already have an agreement, adding, "Can't we just clean that up a little bit?" when it was noted that the township already had an agreement (contract).

Bill Medendorp of Vista Point Dr., asked, "Why can't we have a straight yellow line before each turn going down Parker. There should be a yellow line there. When you're looking to the right and when you're looking to the left, and ... coming this way somebody can just pass them. You're pulling on, like going to Hastings, there should be a yellow line so they don't pass right there by the intersections. ...Like I said I look this way, I look this way (other direction), and I'm getting ready to go on cuz I have ...already there. And if somebody's trying to pass somebody at that corner, before they get to that corner, then someone's going to die. And I don't want to be the one."

MINUTES

February 20, 2020

Page 3 of 4

APPROVED: _____

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Medendorp commented referring to the “road to no where” near Dollar General, asked, “Where is that ever going to go? Houses in between. Businesses...At Dollar General... a woman comes pulling in there, she didn’t even see that curb because it was covered with snow...It was stupid. The guy that was plowing (at Dollar General), ...we had to warn him to ‘watch that’...I don’t know if they put it in or we insisted on it, but it’s the dumbest thing I’ve ever seen.”

Close of Public Comment at 7:55 p.m. by Vice Chair S. Bush.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kennedy with support from VandenBerg to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All ayes.
MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by: _____
Frank Fiala, Planning Commission Secretary Date

MINUTES
February 20, 2020
Page 4 of 4
APPROVED: _____

ADJOURNMENT

Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary
February 20, 2020