

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES – 9/25/19**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:00pm at the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI. Chairman Eidt called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Eidt, Secretary Brown-Timm, Commissioners Giese, Flore, Weston, LaMore and Davis.

**ABSENT:** Vice-chair Stanford and Trustee Eyster. Quorum established.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Consultant Susan Cronander of McKenna and Jim Howard.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Flore, second by Davis to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Public Comment opened at 7:03 p.m.**

Benli Chai, 479 E. Sherwood asked about the status of the Events Barns language.

Commissioner Flore explained the situation with the state possibly getting involved and establishing GAAMPs for the activity. Much discussion ensued with Mr. Chai detailing his potential operation, with a small vineyard, and a bee keeping operation producing very high quality honey. He mentioned that his barn is approximately 150 feet from the road and is 28 feet by 60 feet, and they currently have a parking area for about 40 cars.

**Closed Public Comment at 7:24 p.m.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Temporary Structures language:

Susan from McKenna began by reviewing the proposed language, which is basically 3 components – the definition under Accessory Structure which specifically excludes temporary structures; the definition under Temporary Storage Structures; and the brief insert under Section 2.02.A.5, Allowable Uses. She also referenced the ZBA's determination.

Much discussion ensued, including whether dumpsters were included and what the purpose of the proposed regulation was.

**Motion by LaMore, second by Davis to set a public hearing on the proposed amendment language for the November 27,2019 meeting.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PLANNING AND BOARD REPORTS AND REVIEW**

Howard informed the PC that the Township Board had approved the Red Cedar Compensating Cut with conditions, and that we had received a copy of the Ingham County Drain Commission’s revised soil erosion control permit for the project. He also mentioned SB 431 which has been introduced which would create a local preemption of gravel mining. He reminded the PC that Catherine Kaufman was the confirmed speaker for MAP’s Risk Management program scheduled for October 23, 2019.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Howard had provided his notes from the Higher Density Committee in the packet. Supervisor Bloomquist stated that she would take the issue to the Twp. Board to see if the PC should pursue the item further. Chair Eidt mentioned the range of critters that the Farm Animals Permit Committee had discussed, with further discussion needed.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**REVIEW**

Chairman Eidt reviewed the PC’s actions from the meeting:

- That the PC had set a public hearing for November 27, 2019 for the Temporary Storage Structures amendment language.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Commissioner Davis, second by Commissioner Brown-Timm to adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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Jim Howard, Recording Secretary

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Joscelyn Brown-Timm, Secretary