

**Melrose Township Planning Commission Minutes
Melrose Township Hall
Regular Meeting of June 1, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Bart Wangeman called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.
- B. Members present:** Bart Wangeman, Bob Bourassa, Charley Zimmer, Dan Nowland, and Tim LaGasse.
- C. Members absent:** None
- D. Staff present:**
Zoning Administrator Randy Frykberg and Recoding Secretary Tom Mackie

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Following a review, the Agenda was approved by consensus.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bob Bourassa motioned, Tim LaGasse seconded, to approve the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes amending page 4 (Determination of Findings of Fact) to replace “applicant now acknowledges this is inevitable” with “application acknowledges this is invariable” and page 7 (item 32) to replace “I” with “Randy.” All members present voted Yes, motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – Mass Gathering Permit Application for Walloon Triathlon

Randy noted the map included in the application package only shows the village area because that is where people will congregate. Mass gatherings are not anticipated throughout the race route. Less than 100 people are expected to be race participants.

Tim noted no problems were identified by the Fire Department or Police for this event in the past and it seems to be a benefit to the village.

Dan noted Michigan’s Governor recently lifted most COVID-19 related restrictions on public gathering.

Bart Wangeman motioned to recommend the Township Board of Trustees grant a Mass Gathering License for the Walloon Lake Triathlon on July 25, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, based on their completed application and history of operation without problems or complaints, providing no federal or state executive order preventing such a gathering is in effect on the date of the event. Seconded by Charley Zimmer. All voted “Yes,” motion carried.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

VI. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS:** Randy reported a lot split was recently approved and several zoning applications are currently under review.

VII. **PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Charley reported the old Junction Inn property at the US131 / M-75 intersection may have been sold.

Bart noted current zoning ordinance language for the FF, Farm and Forest District allows “Any use permitted in the R-2 Zone” and questioned if this also applies to Special Uses. He suggested “Any use by right or a permitted use” may clarify the intent and then recommended we include a review of this language in a future meeting.

Bart reported on a recent Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. A variance request to add a garage was denied as it would increase a non-conformity.

VIII. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

IX. **NEXT MEETING:** Any new applications cannot be processed in time for what would be a regular meeting on June 22nd. The next meeting will not be scheduled before early July.

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:05 PM

Prepared by

Planning Commission Approval by:

Tom Mackie, Recording Secretary

Charley Zimmer, Secretary

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