

Norwood Township Planning Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017 Approved Minutes
Norwood Township Hall

Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – by all present

Roll Call – Doyle-present, Kolka-present, Warner-present, Vermeesch-present, Reibel-present

Approval of Agenda- MM by Warner to accept the Agenda as presented, 2nd by Kolka. Motion carried to approve Agenda 5-0

Conflict of Interest – none noted.

Public Comment related to Agenda Items – none

Approval of July10, 2017 Meeting Minutes – MM by Warner to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Reibel. Motion carried to approve Minutes 5-0

Zoning Administrator’s Report –

Read by Zoning Administrator, Robert Dutcher. Report is also available on the Township website.

New Business –

Parcel Division Request Application review for Little Traverse Conservancy, 17701 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, Parcel 011-018-003-25. PC reviewed and discussed the application for the land division consisting of 7.995 acres. The nine items required per Section V of the Ordinance was submitted.

MM by Warner to approve the application submitted by the Little Traverse Conservancy for the land division requested at 17701 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, MI. 2nd by Doyle. Motion carried to approve application as presented 5-0.

Parcel Division Request Application review for Jared & Ruth Lucas, 01650 Barnard Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Parcel 011-030-005-50. PC reviewed and discussed the application for the land division consisting of 20 acres. The nine items required per Section V of the Ordinance were not submitted. The application was not complete.

MM by Warner to table application to the September Meeting to allow applicant to gather required information, 2nd by Doyle. Motion carried to approve tabling application to September 2017 PC meeting 5-0.

Old Business –

Ongoing Ordinance Update Review presented by Planner Meyers. Discussion on Articles V & VII and concerns about permitted Ag uses in Rural Residential. Discussion will continue at the September PC Meeting.

Discussion on Article VI, Site Plan Review. Doyle will work with Meyers on items that need to be addressed in Article VI.

Discussion on Land Division checklist, which should include property tax status and on how to streamline the Land Division section of the Ordinance.

Announcements & Correspondence – Newsletter passed around about Medical Marijuana and how it could affect Michigan Townships.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be September 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Norwood Township Hall

Public Comment – Bill Gnodtke spoke about the discussion with the Township Board regarding a possible land swap with the DNR for Lake Shore Drive property. The Township Board was concerned about the loss of tax base if this occurred. Gnodtke also stated he does not like “May” in the Ordinance. Feels it should state “Shall” to make decisions more concise.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Shari M. Jones, Recording Secretary