

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 14, 2017**

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Alan Ford, Kathy Sahli, Darrell Peugeot, Bill Puschel, Lance Thornton, Frank Kalasky

Members Absent: Roger Krontz

Visitors: Rod Borgert, Tim Carls

Minutes: Motion by Sahli, support by Puschel, to approve the January 10, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0, Thornton abstain.

Public Comment: None.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Ford recommended we utilize David Jirousek at Williams & Works, Grand Rapids regarding direction on the following topics:

- 1) definition for indoor agriculture as required in 8.02 Industrial and Manufacturing/Processing
- 2) surface lit (LED) signs in residential areas 11.16
- 3) commercial solar installations 9.05
- 4) commercial uses in campground areas 9.05(O)(3)
- 5) definition of light industrial uses in Neighborhood Commercial zones 8.02

Mr. Jirousek was previously with LSL Planning and is familiar with Sherman Township. There were no objections to this proposal. Chairman Ford to contact Mr. Jirousek regarding estimated costs for assistance with these issues.

The 2018 International Residential Code has addressed the issue Certificate of Occupancy for tiny houses. When this version of the code is adopted by the State of Michigan, it will be applicable to Sherman Township.

Mr. Thornton inquired about the state of the storage building being erected without permits at 27020 Banker Street. Secretary Kalasky to contact SCMCCI regarding the status of the building.

**New Business:**

An inquiry has been made to the Township Supervisor regarding permits for holding large music festivals in the Township. At the current time there are no ordinances regarding such events. Vice Chairman Thornton to review the Burr Oak Township large festival ordinance to determine if it is applicable to our situation.

Adjourn: Motion by Thornton, support by Peugeot, to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0 at 7:40 PM.

Next scheduled meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Kalasky, P.E.  
Secretary