

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
September 27, 2017

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

Members Present: Alan Ford, Kathy Sahli, Lance Thornton, Bill Pueschel, Vince Mifsud, Roger Krantz, Frank Kalasky

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Steve Wolf, Chris Hamilton, Jamey Rouch, Connie Converse

Old Business: Chairman Ford distributed copies of a September 26, 2017 draft Crossroads Mixed Use (CMU) District ordinance. The first public review of this proposed ordinance is scheduled for the October 10th Planning Commission meeting. A general discussion followed. Items reviewed included principle and accessory usage, adherence to the Township Master Land Use Plan, contiguous lots considered as a single parcel, definition of single family condominiums (resort cabins, lodges), definition of recreational facilities, a plan for the landowner to exit from this designation.

Chairman Ford requested additional comments/input from Commission members by Monday (10/02/17) and would forward all information to Township attorney Roxanne Seeber for a revised draft ordinance to be available at the October 10, 2017 meeting. It was also suggested that representation from Ms. Seeber's office be present for the October 10th meeting.

New Business: Township Supervisor Wolfe reviewed the process for updating the Township Master (Future Land Use) Plan. Supervisor Wolf has been in contact with Lee Evans of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council regarding the procedure. The Township Board will consider a resolution at their October 16 meeting to permit the Planning Commission to proceed with the Township Master Plan update. The Planning Commission will then send out Requests for Proposals (RFP) to qualified firms to complete the work. The entire process could take eight months to finish.

Chris Hamilton of SCMCCI requested input regarding a property dilemma at Omena Lake. Apparently the ownership of an irregularly shaped parcel (014 025 25) is in question and preventing construction on an adjacent property. Suggestions included to pursue quiet title action or let the property revert to the unpaid tax rolls.

Adjourn: Motion by Mifsud, support by Pueschel, to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0 at 8:25 PM.

Next scheduled meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Kalasky, P.E.
Secretary