

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**May 9, 2018**

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

Members Present: Alan Ford, Kathy Sahli, Lance Thornton, Vince Mifsud, Roger Krontz, Bill Pueschel (arrived 7:10 PM), Frank Kalasky

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Don Leeth, Steve Wolf, Amanda Johnson, Christine Sheteron, Lee Adams

Minutes: Motion by Sahli, support by Thornton, to approve the April 9, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0, Mifsud abstain.

Motion by Sahli, support by Krontz, to approve the April 10, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business:**

Amanda Johnson (26179 Perrin Road) requested permission to operate a day care facility for up to 12 children on her property. Ms. Johnson recently purchased the property and has been in contact with the Township Zoning Administrator (SCMCCI) regarding the day care business. Her property is located in a Rural Residential zoning district and requires a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) to operate a group child day care facility (Table 6.02). The SLUP requires a public hearing including notification to adjacent property owners and notice in the Sturgis Journal. A representative from the State of Michigan is scheduled to inspect the location on Friday May 11 and will require proof of meeting local zoning requirements. Ms. Johnson requested some form of temporary approval.

A motion was made by Thornton, support by Pueschel, to have Chairman Ford draft a letter by Friday May 11 stating that a day care facility in Sherman Township requires a SLUP, the process involved in obtaining a SLUP, that Ms. Johnson's property appears to meet all of the day care requirements listed in Township Ordinance 9.05 (F), and that lack of activity by SCMCCI delayed the SLUP process. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Thornton, support by Krontz, to conduct a public hearing at the June 12, 2018 Planning Commission meeting to review the application by Ms. Johnson to operate a child day care facility for up to twelve (12) children at 26179 Perrin Road. Motion carried 7-0. Secretary Kalasky to prepare the notice for the Sturgis Journal and the adjacent property owners.

**Old Business:**

Lee Adams, Southwestern Michigan Planning Council (SMPC) addressed the Commission regarding updating the Township Master Land Use Plan. Mr. Adams presented a sample survey from Fabius Township and each question on the sample survey was reviewed for applicability to Sherman Township.

1. Residents are generally aware of most zoning requirements? Accepted
2. Zoning enforcement is satisfactory in the Township? Accepted
3. The Township should limit commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential development? Accepted
4. Growth and Development are acceptable as long as the rural character of the Township is preserved?  
Accepted

5. The quality of the water in lakes and streams throughout the Township? Accepted-include waterfront
6. The Township should use its position or resources to preserve land types? Accepted
7. Plans for future housing in the Township should include options? Accepted-include “tiny homes”
8. The Township should pursue additional funds for road maintenance and development through a dedicated local millage? Accepted
9. The Township should allow cell phone towers? Accepted-include commercial/residential solar/wind
10. The Township should levy taxes? Accepted-similar to question 8
11. How satisfied are you with the park and recreation opportunities in the Township? Accepted
12. The Township should do more to control blight? Accepted
13. The recycling service (Weekly drop-off and curbside through private haulers) in the Township meets my needs? Accepted
14. What are the reasons you visit the Township website? Accepted
15. Different options for home ownership? Accepted
16. Please list who lives in your household. Accepted-table
17. Are you a registered voter? Accepted
18. I live in the Township? Accepted
19. I have lived in the Township for how many years? Accepted
20. Do you live on a lake? Added
21. Comments? Accepted

Mr. Adams is to prepare a sample survey for the June 12, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.  
SMPC is to notify adjacent municipalities of the Sherman Township Master Plan update process.

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

Next scheduled meeting Tuesday June 12, 2018, 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Kalasky, P.E.  
Secretary

