

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**July 9, 2019**

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

Members Present: Alan Ford, Roger Krantz, Vince Mifsud, Bill Puschel, Frank Kalasky (As a result of Mr. Thornton's resignation and Ms. Sahli's pending retirement in August, the Township Board at their April meeting decided to reduce the size of the Planning Commission to five members.) Ms. Sahli will attend the Planning Commission meetings as a non-voting member until her retirement.

Members Absent: Kathy Sahli

Visitors: Jamey Rouch, Don Leeth, Tim Carls, Rod Borgert, Steve Wolf

Minutes: Motion by Mifsud, support by Puschel, to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda: Approved by consensus

Public Comment: Rod Borgert, 62831 Borgert Road, stated that he heard vehicle noises at Rouch World on the evening of June 21 and asked if there was a special night ride activity held that evening? Jamey Rouch stated that there was not a Rouch World event that evening and that the noises could have been generated by Rouch family members utilizing the trails.

Old Business:

Chairman Ford initiated a review of the revised Master Land Use Plan distributed by Lee Adams, Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, at the May 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The general consensus was that the basic principles in the plan of retaining the agriculture and the light density residential aspects of the Township were applicable. Additional details regarding the background information in the following areas were requested:

- 1) More detail on all of the Township maps. (1-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, etc). Secondary roads marked so that features can be better located.
- 2) With our emphasis on preserving the agriculture aspect in the Township, the farmland soils map (4-10) needs more definition for prime farmland. What is considered prime farmland? Better connection to the County soils map?
- 3) More definition of the Airport Runway Protection Zones (page 25). An additional map locating these low density land use areas? Could solar panels be installed in these areas?
- 4) More information on the Wetlands and Woodlands map (4-2). We think there should be much more land designated as woodlands.
- 5) More information on septic field restrictions. Could we designate areas where septic suitability would be an issue on map 4-1? The soil types did not help us much.

The final approval of the revised plan was tabled until the August PC meeting. Secretary Kalasky to relay these requests to Mr. Adams and request his presence at the August meeting.

New Business:

Jamey Rouch stated that Rouch World would be hosting an Officer Appreciation Day on October 19, 2019. They plan to petition the Township Board for a special permit for this occasion. He stated that they would be conducting shooting events on this day and invited Planning Commission members and the public to attend and assess the noise levels generated.

Adjourn: Motion by Krontz, support by Mifsud, to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:00 PM.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Kalasky, P.E.  
Secretary