

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**August 13, 2019**

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

Members Present: Alan Ford, Roger Krontz, Vince Mifsud, Bill Pueschel, 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: Karen Garcia, Jose Garcia, Jamey Rouch, Steve Wolf

Minutes: Motion by Pueschel, support by Mifsud, to approve the July 9, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda: Approved by consensus

Public Comment: Jamey Rouch 63412 M66 responded to a question by Rod Borgert, 62831 Borgert Road, at the July PC meeting regarding vehicle noises at Rouch World on the evening of June 21. Mr. Rouch stated he discovered that a group of campers arrived at Rouch World late in the evening of June 21 and were responsible for the noise Mr. Borgert heard. Mr. Rouch stated that he would apologize to Mr. Borgert and better monitor this type of situation in the future.

New Business:

Karen Garcia, 619 N. Lakeview Ave. Sturgis, explained her plan to operate a reception venue/event center at the former Earth & Sky Garden Center at 65281 M66. Ms. Garcia submitted existing site plan, existing floor plan, proposed floor plan drawings, and aerial photo of the site. She has entered into a land contract with the previous owner. The facility would be available seven days per week but most activity would be on the weekends, all food would be catered, and she would be the only employee. Mr. Krontz reviewed the history and previous issues with the facility.

It was determined that this activity would be addressed by Table 8.02 of the Zoning Ordinance "Theaters or similar places of public assembly" which would require a special land use permit in the Neighborhood Commercial district.

Secretary Kalasky to prepare the necessary public notice in the Sturgis Journal and notification of adjacent property owners of a public hearing at the September 10<sup>th</sup> PC meeting.

Old Business:

Jamey Rouch, 63412 M66, distributed copies of a Rouch World plot plan/aerial photo dated 7/30/19 indicating the location of the proposed shooting ranges (Area 8) and listing operating parameters. The Rouches are proposing to revise their Planned Unit Development agreement in November.

A general discussion was held regarding the operating parameters such as hours of operation, ORV access during non-shooting periods, and the use of commercial produced binary explosives (Tannerite, etc.).

Mr. Rouch also stated that in the future he would like to review the listed property setback distances in the campground and shooting range areas.

Adjourn: Motion by Pueschel, support by Mifsud, to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0 at 8:10 PM.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Kalasky, P.E.  
Secretary