

PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board members , Dennis Knowlton, Don Schark, Russ Herlache, Joel Kiss, Ron Robishaw, and Ed Thon were present. Joanne Cammin was excused. Also present were Bruce Palmer (Zoning Administrator), Tammy Bressette (Asst. Zoning Administrator), Tyson McKinley (DDA Director), Ken Baynes, John Leuenberger, and Vickie Palmer.

The Agenda and minutes from the May Planning Commission meeting were approved.

The public hearing on revision of the ordinance regarding storage containers used as accessory structures was opened . Mr. Palmer gave a brief overview of the topic and Mr. McKinley stated that the DDA businesses fully supported the ordinance. Mr. Robishaw volunteered to work with Mr. Palmer on making any minor changes to the wording on the ordinance before it is sent forward. The Planning Commission agreed unanimously to move the ordinance to the Township Board for final approval.

The public hearing was closed and the regular Planning Commission was reopened.

There was no public comment at this time.

PA33 Reports: Ed Thon gave an update on the status of the new recreational marijuana usage law.

The minutes from the May Township Board were read.

Old Business: The fencing problem at Campus Village was handled administratively by Mr. Palmer. Mr. McKinley stated that he didn't agree with not adhering to the majority of the districts appearance but understands that we have to abide by the laws. Mr. Baynes said he was part of the group that designed the ordinances for the districts appearance and didn't like to see us waiver from them either but felt that Mr. Leuenberger had a right to install fencing that he felt would improve the safety in the housing area. He also said that at the May P.C. meeting that a SVSU representative had expressed his opinion about the Campus Village fencing. He said that SVSU only cared about themselves and that if they really wanted to be a part of the community that they should step up an help address some of the nearby residents concerns rather than stand by and watch. He admitted that we were probably never going to solve all of the areas problems but fencing was a step in the right direction.

There was no New Business.

Comments: Mr. Palmer said the Hilton 2 Home project was about ready to take off, the Aldi's renovation was well underway, the old Huntington Bank property on Bay Road was soon going to convert to a plasma center.

Ms. Bressette said that there would be a flag retirement ceremony in the parking lot at the Kochville Veterans Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on June 12th, 2019.

Chairman Kiss said there would be no Planning Commission meeting in July.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for August 12th, 2019

