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**OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

July 6, 2020

Monday at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Members;

*Chair Andy Webb, Vice Chair Bill Rohr, Secretary Jeff Polonowski,
Scott Reising, Karen Burns, Mike Bosch, Tammy Hoppe, Ron Cade & Roger Rumble*

Chairperson Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Webb, Jeff Polonowski, Tammy Hoppe, Karen Burns, Bill Rohr, Roger Rumble, Scott Reising, Brad Ade

Members Absent: Mike Bosch.

Approval / Correction of Minutes:

Motion made by Tammy Hoppe supported by Roger Rumble, to approve the December 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented.

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Tammy Hoppe supported by Brad Ade, to appoint Andy Webb as Chairperson, Bill Rohr as Vice Chairperson and Jeff Polonowski as Secretary.

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Special Use – Justin Purser – Case 20-01:

Mr. Purser is requesting a special use permit to have a kennel on property where he resides.

Chairman Webb opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Richard Brumm indicated he could hear dogs barking at times and would like a fence between their properties. There were two letters from neighboring properties. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers indicated they were opposed to approval and Darin Rose indicated he was not opposed to approval.

Chairman Webb closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion returned to the Planning Commission. Tammy Hoppe asked how many dogs Mr. Purser anticipated having. Mr. Purser indicated the license he was requesting from Allegan County allowed for up to ten dogs. A question was asked about the ownership of the property. Mr. Purser's uncle is the owner of the property but Mr. Purser is buying the property on land contract. Andy Webb read out requirements from the zoning ordinance which require a 50-foot setback from the property lines for any structures associated with the kennel. Mr. Purser's application shows the building he anticipates using is 40 feet from the property line. There was a discussion of the General Provisions indicating the Township allowed for a maximum of four dogs on a property but it was clarified that this applies to residentially

zoned property, the property in question is zoned AG so the provision does not apply and there is no limit to the number of dogs allowed on a parcel.

Motion by Bill Rohr, support by Roger Rumble to recommend denial of the special use permit for parcel 0317-010-013-10. The motion reads as follows:

“I, Bill Rohr, move to recommend denial of the special use permit for a kennel due to the noncompliance of the Township Zoning Ordinance, Article 18, Section 18.10(s) Kennels #2 50 foot setback to adjacent property line.”

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Special Use – Matt McPherson – Case 20-02:

Mr. McPherson is requesting a special use permit to have a home occupation to provide gunsmithing services on property where he resides.

Chairman Webb opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

There were no comments from the general public.

Chairman Webb closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Discussion returned to the Planning Commission. Karen Burns asked what types of tools would be used to perform the work. Mr. McPherson indicated he would be using various hand tools for grinding and other tasks. She also inquired if there were covenants or restrictions imposed on his deed. Mr. McPherson indicated he could not have any signage on the property. He indicated there would be no discharging of any weapons he is working with on the property, if something needed testing he would go to a shooting range.

Motion by Bill Rohr, support by Brad Ade to recommend approval of the special use permit for parcel 0317-230-003-00. The motion reads as follows:

“I, Bill Rohr, move to recommend approval of the special use permit for a home occupation for gunsmithing services at his (Matt McPherson) home.

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bill Rohr, support by Roger Rumble to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Polonowski/js
Planning Commission Secretary

Date