

**SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 27, 2015

1. Call to Order at 1830 by Planning Commission Vice-Chair J. Noe
2. Roll Call: J. Noe, S. Brauer, J. Wixtrom, E. Anderson, R. Card & A. Burbey.
 - a. Absent: R. Titter
 - b. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle & Carolyn Kerkela.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by S. Brauer, Supported by E. Anderson, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2014: Motion by A. Burbey, Supported by E. Anderson, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Close Public Comment
7. Unfinished Business: None
8. New Business:
 - a. Amendments from Township Board:
 - i. 14-01-01: Discussion followed on the space requirements of different animals, the possibility of a variance for livestock on less than 10 acre parcels, the intent of this amendment, and possible future legislation that could impact this.

Board consensus is that the livestock definition should remain as proposed. The added sentence in the Open Space district that requires the minimum lot size of 10 acres for livestock will be removed, because the district already has a minimum lot size of 20 acres. The keeping of livestock in the Forestry & Agriculture district will become a use with a Special Approval permit. Randy will write up the conditions of the Special Approval and get it to Planning Commission members for their approval before it goes to the Township Board for approval.
 - ii. 14-01-05 & 14-01-07: Discussion occurred regarding the difference between a temporary and a permanent yurt. Motion by S. Brauer, Supported by E. Anderson, to change the definition of yurt in amendment 14-01-05 to state it shall be a seasonal dwelling only, instead of temporary structure as written. Amendment 14-01-07 is

no longer necessary because it will now need to meet the requirements of a seasonal dwelling. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

- iii. 14-01-06: Discussion followed on the intent of this paragraph, possible scenarios where this applies, what the Nuisance Ordinance and Vehicle Parking & Storage Ordinance covers, and the enforcement power of the Zoning Administrator. Motion by S. Brauer, Supported by A. Burbey, to change the wording to now read *"In all districts, it is prohibited to use the open space for the storage of unused, nonworking, or broken items in public view. Items may be stored on the premises provided they are screened from adjacent residences and the road."* Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Close Public Comment

11. Adjournment: J. Noe adjourned meeting at 1927.