

**SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 20, 2016

1. Call to Order at 6:30 by Planning Commission Chair R. Titter
2. Roll Call: J. Noe, S. Brauer, R. Titter, A. Burbey & E. Anderson
 - a. Absent: R. Card & J. Wixtrom
 - b. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Carolyn Kerkela, James Goriesky, Barb Kidder, Justin Yelle, Jamie Tomczyk, Carl Miller
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by J. Noe, Supported by S. Brauer, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2016: Motion by J. Noe, Supported by A. Burbey, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Business:
 - a. Public Hearing: ZO Amendment - WECS
 - i. Open Public Hearing: R. Titter opened Public Hearing at 6:31
 - ii. Public Input: None
 - iii. Close Public Hearing: R. Titter closed Public Hearing at 6:32
 - iv. Commission Discussion & Action: Motion by A. Burbey, Supported by S. Brauer, that, after conducting the required public hearing, receiving public input and reviewing staff included documentation, it is the recommendation of the Sands Township Planning Commission that the Sands Township Board of Trustees approve Zoning Ordinance amendment 03-01-16 as presented. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - b. Fairgrounds SUP Review:

R. Yelle explained the background of the Fairgrounds SUP, and a complaint that was received. The complaint was read.

Jamie Tomczyk, Event Coordinator, said she was on site during the event and gave her response to the issues addressed in the complaint. She also provided a written statement. The event was not what the Fair was led to believe it would be, and was not well-attended. The Board will be more diligent when they are coordinating events. There was

miscommunication on the time of quiet hours, although the contract specifically addressed noise. The Fair discussed safeguards to prevent another situation like this. They would like to be contacted directly the next time there is a complaint, so they can address it immediately.

Discussion followed on events at the Fairgrounds, including the Haunted Hayride. They also discussed camping on the grounds and how to prevent or address complaints and problems in the future.

Barb Kidder, Township Resident, said she is glad to see the Fair Board taking responsibility. She said if the SUP is looked at again, maybe the conditions could involve incorporating safeguards to cover something like this in the future so that everyone involved knows what is allowed.

Motion by R. Titter, Supported by S. Brauer, to leave the Violation letter on file, along with the complaint that was filed. Future complaints will result in a citation and the Special Use Permit brought back to the Planning Commission for review. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

The Fair Board thanked the Board for their decision.

- c. Draft Master Plan: E. Anderson presented information on demographics for the County and the Township.
 - d. Medical Marijuana Subcommittee Update: The subcommittee has recommended Draft #4 for adoption.
7. Administrative Report:
- a. R. Yelle gave an update on violations and permits in the Township.
 - b. R. Yelle gave an update on the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority.
8. Public Comment:
- Justin Yelle urged the Commission to take their time when considering the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. It is still a substance that is federally illegal and a dispensary can only be licensed from the state with zoning approval.
- E. Anderson commented that Stacy Haughey from the DNR, has contacted him about a possible shooting range being built on the Sands Plains.
9. R. Titter adjourned meeting at 7:48.