

**SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

October 17, 2017

1. Call to Order at 6:30 by Planning Commission Chair R. Titter
2. Roll Call: J. Noe, S. Brauer, J. Yelle, A. Burbey, E. Anderson, & R. Titter
 - a. Absent: P. Lajewski-Pearson
 - b. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Carolyn Kerkela, Aaron Holliday, John Nekhay, Jodi Nekhay
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by S. Brauer, Supported by J. Noe, to approve agenda with the addition of 6f – Special Meeting Date. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes (September 19, 2017): Motion by S. Brauer, Supported by R. Titter, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. Public Comment:

John Nekhay introduced himself as living across the street from the property the SUP is being requested for. There are already 4 businesses on the property, and he feels adding another one is over the top and he opposes the request. He shared some issues with the current businesses – backup alarms at 4:00 am, semi-trucks coming and going, and a worry on his property value with all the activity so close.

6. Business:
 - a. SUP2017-05, Aaron Holliday
 - i. Open Public Hearing: R. Titter opened the public hearing at 6:34
 - A. Requester Input – A. Holliday explained his intent for the property; he is using it for storage, along with a work space for a side business. He is on site mainly on weekends or evenings, but has only been out maybe ten times since August. He answered questions on his work, the time spent on the property, the equipment he uses and the noise that could be generated from his work.
 - B. Public Input – John Nekhay repeated concerns with activity on the property and complaints about noise.
 - C. Staff Input – R. Yelle stated all businesses must comply with the Noise Ordinance. He had one complaint about early morning noise on the property, but after he followed up he had not heard anything so did not realize it was still an issue.

- ii. Close Public Hearing: R. Titter closed the public hearing at 6:55.
- iii. Commission Discussion and Action – Discussion followed on the type of business and the property.

E. Anderson moved, A. Burbey supported, to approve SUP17-05 with the condition that they must follow all State, County, and local Ordinances, including the Sands Township Noise Ordinance. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- b. Ordinance 55: R. Yelle presented the updated ordinance. A public hearing will be held in January.
 - c. Draft Master Plan: Several changes were noted. Draft is ready to be passed to the Township board.
 - d. 2018 Meeting Dates: Motion by J. Noe, Supported by S. Brauer, to set the 2018 meeting dates as January 16, April 17, June 19, July 17, September 18, and October 16, with a starting time of 6:30 PM. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - e. 2018 Commission Officers: Motion by R. Titter, Supported by A. Burbey, to have the officers remain the same for 2018 – Chair (R. Titter), Vice-Chair (J. Noe), and Secretary (S. Brauer). Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
 - f. Possible Special Meeting: Board consensus was to have a special meeting at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 8, to look at a Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance for the Township.
7. Administrative Report:
- a. Violations Update – R. Yelle gave an update on current violations.
 - b. Authority Update – R. Yelle gave an update.
8. Public Comment: None
9. R. Titter adjourned meeting at 7:29.

Ron Titter
Chairman

S. Brauer
Secretary

C. Kerkela
Recording Secretary