

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

June 22, 2009

The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on June 22, 2009, at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453.

Present: Darpel, Edris, Hanson, Milauckas, Rowe  
Absent: Rausch

Vice Chairman Larry Edris called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and explained that he is chairing this meeting because Jim Hanson has become a Township Trustee to fill out Damien Jarzembowski's term. Hanson will serve on the Planning Commission but can no longer be chairman. Edris announced the next joint meeting with the Township Board will be Wednesday, September 2 at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes for May 11 were approved as presented (Hanson/Milauckas).

There being no general public comment, Edris invited Dr. Ray Viele to explain his plan for Mac's Landing veterinary clinic at 2716 62<sup>nd</sup> St., Fennville, in the A-1 district. The new building will be 5000 s.f. with a garage, storage area, and an area for treating large animals. The current clinic is 1800 s.f. and will eventually be removed. Edris explained that this is not a public hearing, only a preliminary review, for input from the Commissioners. Viele said he had concerns about the overall size of the building in relation to the lot size and about creating a temporary foundation on which to put the present clinic while the new one is being built. Lot size is 1.44 acres. He does not intend to board animals, but he hoped to have outdoor runs for larger dogs. Viele said he is building what he intended years ago when he got the original SAU. The parking lot will be paved with two driveway cuts. Edris said screening from neighbors and outdoor lighting were things the P. C. would look at in the site plan, and he advised Viele to work with the Zoning Administrator.

Edris brought up the request by the City of Saugatuck to review a landscaping plan for the new cold storage building between Blue Star Hwy. and Maple St. Peter Stanislawski, Finance Director for the City of Saugatuck, explained that on advice from the BPW evergreen trees should not be planted on the south side of the building because of the sanitary sewer and the amount of shade already on that side, even though they were included in the approved site plan.

There was no public comment on this subject. Hanson made a motion, supported by Rowe, to strike Planner Sisson's language from the site plan approval which said, "within the buffer a minimum of eight five-foot tall evergreens shall be planted along the fence which is on the south side at 12-foot centers." Motion carried.

Rules of Procedure could be on the next agenda. Edris said election of officers will take place next meeting, but he did not want to be considered for the chair because of time

conflicts. Another Planning Commissioner will join the panel for next meeting, according to Hanson. Edris and Rausch will be reappointed to the Commission. Edris added that as a result of the joint meeting with the Township Board, wind energy will be the next priority for this Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next regular meeting is July 27 at 7:00 P.M.

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Betty A. White, Recording Secretary

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Sandra Rausch, Secretary

### **MOTIONS**

1. Motion by Hanson/Milauckas to approve May 11 minutes.
2. Motion by Hanson/Rowe to amend requirements on site plan for City of Saugatuck cold storage building plantings.