

Saugatuck Township Regular Planning Commission Meeting September 29, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on September 29, 2014 at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan, 49453.

Present:	Rowe, Miller Cook, Prietz, Welk and Rudich
Excused Absent	Conklin, Milauckas
Also Present:	Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion

At 7:00 pm Vice-Chairperson Rowe called the meeting to order.

**Agenda:** Motion to delete Item #5, Review Budget Reports and Information and Item #7, Discussion of potential Zoning Amendments Critical Dunes Area R-4, R3 (due to absence of attorney). Miller Cook motioned, Welk seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments & Correspondence:** No comments or correspondence.

**Review of August 25, 2014 meeting minutes:** No changes. Prietz motioned to approve, Welk seconded. Motion approved.

**Public Hearing for Amendment of Sec. 40-1046 Table of Use:** The purpose of the hearing is to consider an ordinance to permit Gas and Oil Wells as a Special Approved Use in all zoning districts. Should Article 40-146 of the Table of Uses Wells Gas/Oil be amended from Yes in C-1, C-2 and C-3 to SAU and No in I-1 and R-4 to SAU? Kushion talked to Bultje regarding restricting completely in certain zoning districts. Bultje advised that it would be best to put all districts as SAU so that everything is the same across the board. No public comments or correspondence were received. Public Hearing was closed. Welk motioned to approve, Miller Cook seconded. Motion to amend Article 40-1046 of the Table of Uses Wells Gas/Oil was approved 5-0.

**Discussion regarding Landscape Contractors:** An inquiry was made regarding setting up a landscape contractor business where a potential storage unit business had previously been approved in an Industrial Zone on Blue Star Highway, south of Douglas. Previous zoning administrator had determined that a landscape contractor would fall under the 'Open Air Sales' which aren't allowed in an Industrial District. Current zoning does not make any mention of landscape contractors. Should an ordinance be created to address zoning of landscape contractors, possibly being SAU in all districts? Kushion will draft an ordinance and bring it to the next meeting for discussion.

**Noise Ordinance:** Discussion regarding noise ordinance, specifically related to fireworks. Conklin had asked Kushion to look into a fireworks ordinance. There is a noise ordinance in place in the township but does not address fireworks specifically. Kushion will look into other city's noise ordinances and bring the information to next month's meeting.

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**Township Board Updates:** Rudich stated that the Township board is requesting an All Board meeting immediately after the regular township meeting on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm for general discussion purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Janna Rudich, Recording Secretary

1. Motion to approve the amended September 29, 2014 agenda. Miller-Cook motioned, Welk seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Prietz motioned, Welk seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Motion to approve adopting of amendments to Article 40-1046 of the Table of Uses, Wells Gas/Oil and close the Public Hearing. Miller-Cook motioned, Welk seconded. Motion carried 5-0.