

Thetford Township Planning Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 25, 2014
Approved

The meeting was called to by Chairman Robert Laugavitz at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Laugavitz, Kari Gilbert, Dennis Bloss, Laurel Coe, Trustee Eric Gunnels

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eileen Kerr ~ Township Supervisor
Julie Paulson ~ Township Clerk
Robert Swartwood ~ Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Denny Bloss, supported by Kari Gilbert to approve the October 11, 2013 minutes with the correction of Eric Gunnels name from a k to a c. All in favor. Motion carried.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Cassandra Schreiner ~ 3041 E Vienna Road, Clio, MI, RSF, consider changing the zoning (spot zoning), or a special land use

Manda L Danielecki, attorney, was at the meeting to represent Ms. Cassie Schreiner and spoke on her behalf.

The Planning Board had some questions for the attorney about capacity, parking, time of events and alcohol on the wedding venue.

Manda L. Danieliski answered the questions. There were some questions that couldn't be answered. .

Robert Swartwood, Township Attorney suggested a few things for the board to look at when making their decision.

Motion by Dennis Bloss, supported by Laurel Coe to deny the zoning change for this parcel to local commercial or to general commercial. This use is not in the Master Plan. Discussion from the board members on the Master Plan for Thetford Township. Call for vote. All in favor to deny the zoning change for this parcel. Motion Carried Five Yeas,

Land Use ~

The board had a lot of discussion on land use and comments on what they had found.

Mr. Schreiner commented about the property and reviewed what they have done and who they have talked to about getting the Wedding Venue.

Ms. Cassie Schreiner makes comments

Motion by Dennis Bloss, supported by Robert Laugavitz to deny the special land use for the purpose of a Barn Wedding Venue in RSF since it is not compatible with the neighborhood. Discussion made by the board members. Call for the vote. All in favor to deny special land use. Four Yeas, One No Motion Carried.

Chairman Laugavitz explained to Ms. Schreiner that this board the Planning Commission has denied the spot zoning and the special land use. Her request will now go to the Board of Trustees in August. The Board of Trustees can approve our recommendation, deny our recommendations or send it back to the Planning Commission to look into the matter again. It's now in their hands.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

BOARD COMMENTS: Various comments were given by the board members

Motion by Laurel Coe, supported by Dennis Bloss to adjourn. All in favor. Motion pass