

SIGN BOARD OF APPEALS/ PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2018

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board members present, Cammin, Herlache, Kiss, Robishaw, and Thon. Excused; Shark
Others present: Zoning Administrator, Palmer, Assistant Administrator, Bressette, Saginaw
Center LLC representative, Nick Valeri, and 2 other guests.

Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve made by Mr. Herlache. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Public Comment

Opened Public Hearing – Sign Board of Appeals

In the case of SA-18-02 Saginaw Center LLC- 2800 Tittabawassee Rd, Mr. Palmer , the zoning administrator gave a short slide presentation showing a picture of the sign, landscaping around it, and the height and width dimensions. The applicants representative Mr. Valeri stated that they had done everything correctly and had paid for the sign in good faith. The sign company representative that had been the contact man was let go by the company and a new person took over the job, and the sign was installed incorrectly. It was too high and the sign area was too large. The Planning Commission agreed that the business owner was not responsible for the problem. The LLC requested a variance because they had severed all business relations with the sign company. The zoning administrator recommended that we approve the variance. After much discussion, Mr. Kiss suggested that we could approve the variance for now, but attach restrictions such as a limited time. Mr. Thon made the motion to approve the variance for CASE SA-18-02 Saginaw Center LLC-2800 Tittabawassee Rd. for now but if the sign ever reaches the end of it useful life or undergoes a major renovation that it would be required to be brought into compliance at that time. Mr. Kiss seconded the motion and the vote to approve the variance was unanimous.

The Sign Board of Appeals Hearing was closed and the Planning Commission was opened.

Mr. Robishaw motioned to approve the last Planning Commission minutes from July 9th, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no Public Comment.

PA 33 Report:

Mr. Thon reported on the case in Bay City, Michigan, where the Zoning Board of Appeals ruled in favor of the applicant and against the decision of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission held their ground and the Zoning Board filed suit, and are now awaiting a court hearing.

Report from the Township Board:

Mr. Thon reported the minutes from the following Meetings:
The Board of Trustees regular meeting held on July 16th, 2018
The Board of Trustee Special board meeting held on July 25th, 2018
The Board of Trustees Special board meeting held on August 6th, 2018
The Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on August 20th, 2018
The Board of Trustees regular board meeting held on September 20th, 2018

Mr. Kiss made the motion to accept the minutes. The motion carried unanimously

Business Items:

Chairman Kiss stated that Mr. Schark and Mr. Robishaw would need to be reappointed soon if they were going to remain on the Planning Commission.

There was no Other Business

Comments from Staff/ Planning Commission:

Ms. Bressette (assistant zoning administrator)

Informed the Planning Commission that she had spent the last two days in Grand Rapids, undergoing training for Zoning and Planning with classes such as reading and understanding site plans, how to handle abandoned homes, and zoning and planning struggles. She said it was very interesting but a lot to take in.

Stated that the Township Manager had decided to move some of the employees and their offices around for better efficiency so right now the office is in disarray.

She also said that the clerk's office had already taken in over a hundred applications for absentee ballots for the upcoming election in November.

Mr. Palmer (zoning administrator)

Stated that the Hilton Hotel chain was about ready to turn in their site plans.

Noted that Cyprus Creek and Consumers had settled their dispute and that they were ready to begin construction on the solar farm.

He said there was another company looking to locate a solar farm in this area also.

Stated that a Dollar General store was scheduled for the 1300 area of Tittabawassee Rd.

Said that the Aldi's grocery store would be expanding early next year.

Informed us that Toys "R" Us and Babys "R" Us were looking to reorganize and possibly open back up.

He said that Glastender Corporation planned to nearly double in size with a new addition to begin next year.

Mentioned that 3 new homes were currently being built in our township.

Told us that the Meijer grocery chain remodel would be complete in about a month.

Said that Heide's Cookies had opened a store in the Pierce Rd. mall where the Chinese restaurant had been located.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th, 2018.