

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Members present: Chairman Hefferan, Kopkau, Kingon, Cole, Merillat, Murphy and Lefebvre

Also present: Weinzapfel and 1 audience member.

Chairman Hefferan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of meeting minutes dated September 12, 2017:

Motion by Kopkau to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes as presented. Seconded by Kingon. **Motion carried.**

Zoning Administrator Report:

Weinzapfel said he is going to hold off regarding a subcommittee on weekly rentals because it is going before the state legislature.

He did not receive comments back last evening regarding the shoreline protection draft ordinance presented to the township board.

Work has started on the road end access (boat launch in Kewadin). Update on Maplehurst fund raising and demolition.

Township Board Report:

Cole discussed the township board's response to the shoreline protection draft.

Agenda:

1. North Shore Docks Subcommittee report.
2. Shoreline Protection Subcommittee report.
3. Outside Sales and Display Subcommittee report.
4. Set agenda for November 14, 2017 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Kingon to approve the agenda. Seconded by Cole. **Motion carried.**

1. North Shore Docks Subcommittee Report:

Murphy said the subcommittee met September 28th at 9:00am. Tad Dowker is seeking a special use permit for outdoor storage at North Shore Dock on Indian Road. We reviewed the application and found it to be almost complete. There are a few things that needed to be updated. The subcommittee recommends proceeding to a public hearing subject to 4 conditions outlined in the subcommittee report dated September 28, 2017.

Cole said looking at the greenbelt, he does not see that those trees will fill in enough to ever be a proper buffer. Dowker said he worked with 365 and relied on them for the spacing. It will take 10 years for them to fill in, but they will fill in. He said they will irrigate them at least for the first two years. The trees were planted in a more restrictive way than what is required of our ordinance. Cole disagrees with the interpretation of the wording of the ordinance. Cole said he would feel more comfortable if there was a condition that if in a few years if they did not fill in, we can take another look at it. Kingon asked about the existing tree line between the orchard. Yes, it is adequately screened. Merillat asked why are we listing what he can and cannot store. Murphy said it is because it is what was requested by Dowker. Does the outdoor storage have to say what you are going to store? No.

Motion by Lefebvre to hold a public hearing for application #2017-05SU during the November 14th meeting for a special use for outdoor storage for North Shore Docks LLC. Seconded by Kingon. **Motion carried.**

2. Shoreline Protection Subcommittee Report:

The committee did not meet. Hoping to get feedback from the township board. Kingon provided a list of Michigan grasses suitable for planting. Cole said we may need to meet as a subcommittee regarding the fact that we are saying no herbicide spraying. The subcommittee will meet again November 1st at 9:00am. Merillat asked regarding if he buys a house that has no protection strip and decides to put in a 10 foot protection strip, is that against the proposed ordinance? Yes.

3. Outside Sales and Displays Subcommittee Report:

The definition is changing as we discussed last month. It will be scheduled for a public hearing in the future.

Set agenda for November 14, 2017 meeting:

1. Public Hearing for North Shore Docks.
2. Shoreline Protection Subcommittee report.
3. Outside Sales and Display Subcommittee Report.
4. Set agenda for December 12th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm by order of the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat