

Milton Township
Unapproved Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2019

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

Also present: Weizapfel, and one audience members.

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

Approval of meeting minutes dated March 12, 2019:

Motion by Kingon to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Kopkau. **Motion carried.**

ZA Report:

Weinzapfel asked the commission's opinion on small public assembly buildings in the Ag zone. Members reviewed the definition. It is a permitted use by right in the Ag zone.

Weinzapfel distributed copies of the updated zoning ordinance. The electronic copy is also available online.

Hefferan distributed copies of the 2018 Health Department Milton Township Time of Transfer Ordinance Annual Report.

Township Board Report:

Cole discussed the legislative updates Bill Derman discussed at the Township Board last night.

Agenda:

1. Vacation Rentals Subcommittee.
2. Special Events Subcommittee.
3. Set agenda for May meeting.

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Motion by Kopka to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lefebvre. **Motion carried.**

1. Vacation Rentals Subcommittee:

A subcommittee meeting was held yesterday morning, April 8, 2019. Kingon discussed the meeting and said perhaps we should consider exemptions by zone because of some feedback received from an attendant at the subcommittee meeting. The main activity was to review comments received from Brett Pharo. Kingon discussed Pharo's comments point by point. Kingon has updated the document per the comments and has provided Draft 8 for review. If we exempted the village, people could buy land on the water and build a big lodge and rent it out daily. Motels are allowed in the Village zone. Kingon suggested a way to create the exemption.

The number of weeks is the issue for the village zone. Hefferan suggested having an additional subcommittee meeting to address this for the sake of thoroughness and transparency with the public.

Kington said there is a company in California called Host Compliance that is reviewing the ordinance. Their business is to work with local governments regarding short term rentals. Their services are rental activity monitoring, among other things. Through software, they are able to look at 120 different rental sites advertisements and identify them by address. We currently have 10-12 permits for rental, but they showed us that they found more than 50 rentals available in Milton Township. They also have a compliance monitoring system helps with those who are advertising but without permits. Kington, Weinzapfel, and a couple of Township Board members will meet with Host Compliance for follow-up on April 18th.

Suttons Bay has been using this company and they also have a rental ordinance similar to ours. Weinzapfel will discuss how it has been going with Suttons Bay.

The next subcommittee meeting is to be scheduled later.

2. Special Events Subcommittee:

They have not met since last month. The next meeting will be April 19th at 8:00am.

3. Set agenda for May meeting.

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3. Set agenda for June.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merillat