

Sturgis Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Von Metzger called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present: Bill Furr, Mike Bobalik, Jim Cook

Absent: None Staff present: – Randy Schmeling, Zoning Administrator

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Regarding rezoning application request: Bobalik detailed the request was not necessary as the properties involved had previously been zoned C-2 Highway Service Commercial. Determination supported by Lee Adams, Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

Regarding solar energy text amendment: No comments

Motion by Furr, supported by Cook to close the public hearing at 7:15. Approved

Von Metzger called regular monthly meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

-- None

MINUTES- for July 23, 2018 were approved on a motion by Cook, s supported by Furr

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Discussion regarding the proposed escrow policy for review/consideration; fee schedule discussed. No action taken

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-- Two properties with reports of trash accumulation have been cleaned or in progress of cleaning

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Motion by Metzger, supported by Furr to recommend to the St. Joseph County Planning Commission and the Sturgis Township Board of Trustees a Sturgis Township Zoning Ordinance amendment to add provisions for large solar energy systems. Roll call vote: Ayes- Bobalik, Cook, Furr, Metzger. Nays- None. Approved

--Norfolk Properties presented a site plan review to establish a temporary car dealership at 70148 M-66 (using the existing building) currently zoned C-2. Motion by Furr, supported by Bobalik to approve the request for a period not to exceed twelve months. Approved.

-- Schmeling commented the raising chickens in a R-1 district is not permitted in the ordinance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-- None

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bobalik, supported by Metzger at 8:13 P.M

Minutes submitted by: Michael A. Bobalik, Clerk