

Sturgis Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Von Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Furr, Mike Bobalik (Clerk), Jim Cook, Robyn Krawczak

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

-- *NONE*

MINUTES- for June 24, 2019 were approved on a motion by Bobalik, supported by Cook *APPROVED*

OLD BUSINESS:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Still have some homes that need to mow. There is also a burned house on Bogen Rd. that need to be cleaned up.

Boughton house has been torn down on M-66. There are still unlicensed vehicles behind the barn. The attorney has been contacted but no citations have been issued at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

--Bobalik handed out an article on “backyard homes” about temporary residential structures on existing residential lot. Several townships already have an ordinance in place for this. It was a consensus to have Bobalik investigate other ordinances from nearby townships and look at language. He will also discuss the idea with the township board.

--Weed ordinance: It was suggested that a weed/grass ordinance would benefit the township. The township would notify the property. If no action, the township would mow and then add the fee to the tax bill. This would need to be adopted by the township board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-- Board approved transfer to the City of Sturgis as requested per 425 agreement parcels: 015 023 002 01 and 015 023 002 02

-- Bobalik read an invite from Bauckham, Sparks- an annual Mini-Conference will be September 30, 12-4 p.m. (Lunch is 12-1) at the Van Buren ISD. Must RSVP by 9/13. Let the clerk know if interested .

CORRESPONDENCE:

-- Randy Schmeling is retiring! Bobalik read the letter of resignation notice to the planning commission.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bobalik, supported by Furr at 7:45 P.M

Minutes submitted by: Robyn Krawczak, Secretary