

Sturgis Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Von Metzger called the 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

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MINUTES- for September 24, 2018 were approved on a motion by Furr, supported by Cook

OLD BUSINESS:

-- Discussion regarding the proposed escrow policy for review/consideration; fee schedule discussed. Schmeling will provide sample fee schedules for consideration

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-- Kingdom Hall, S. Nottawa has completed a building permit; demolition permit to follow

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Ken/Kathy Lawrence, 26359 US 12 inquired about rezoning properties they own currently zoned C-2 (Highway Service Commercial). Schmeling stated the properties are “legal, non-conforming” and cannot be expanded beyond current footprint. Metzger stated that rezoning would create “an island” of differently-zoned properties in the C-2 area and would not, by past practice, be acceptable to the planning commission. A mixed-use (business in a residence) would be allowed.

--Rob Gesie, Hog Slat Inc. seeking permission for a retail and supplies facility in the current Squirt Irrigation location on Fawn River Rd. Motion by Furr, supported by Cook to approve Hog Slat Inc to operate as stated above. Approved

-- Motion by Metzger, supported by Bobalik to approve a sign permit for Norfolk Properties (Jeep/Chrysler dealership) 70148 M-66. Approved

-- Changes to the zoning map and future land use plan will be sent to Land Resources to obtain updated maps for the office, ordinance/land use books and online

-- Motion by Metzger, supported by Cook to recommend proposed fee schedule to the township board for approval. Approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-- None

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Metzger, supported by Bobalik at 8:03 P.M

Minutes submitted by: Michael A. Bobalik, Clerk