

Sturgis Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Von Metzger called the Public Hearing 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 issue: Letters read in opposition were from Brenda Pagels and Ora Harris.

Ann Delafuente requested fencing around the property to be rezoned. Kathleen & Wayne Anderson opposed due to increased road noise. Melinda Klein opposed due to traffic accident concerns, decreased property values and potential truck traffic through Green Pastures. Elizabeth O'Dell opposed; wanted improved fencing.

Motion by Bobalik, supported by Cook to close the public hearing at 7:35. Approved

Von Metzger called regular monthly meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

-- Elizabeth O'Dell suggested tabling the rezoning. Melinda Klein asked future communication be sent to the entire subdivision

MINUTES- for August 27, 2018 were approved on a motion by Metzger, supported by Furr

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:

-- Motion by Metzger, supported by Cook to recommend to the St. Joseph County Planning Commission and the Sturgis Township Board of Trustees rezoning the following parcels from R-Residential to C-2 Highway Service Commercial:

015-060-016-00 LOT 16 GREEN PASTURES. SEC. 14 T8S R10W.

015-060-017-00 LOT 17 & PT OF LOT 18 GREEN PASTURES SEC 14 T8S R10W DESC AS: COM SE COR SD LOT 18 TH N 91.17 FT TH W 108.65 FT TH S 50D E 141.84 FT TO POB.

Roll call vote: Ayes- Bobalik, Cook, Metzger. Nays- Furr. Approved

--Norfolk Properties presented a zoning and site plan review for the temporary car dealership at 70148 M-66 (using the existing building) currently zoned C-2. Motion by Bobalik, supported by Furr to approve the request. Approved. Signage and lighting requests will follow

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-- None

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Cook, supported by Bobalik at 8:48 P.M

Minutes submitted by: Michael A. Bobalik, Clerk