

## CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 4, 2020

### Minutes

Approved on May 6, 2020

The Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 pm by Chairman Doug Dow with members Bill Marske, Jerry Kohn, Grace Rappe, and John Chipman present. Members Richard Carlson and Andrew Brown were absent. Also present was Van Thornton.

**The Agenda** was reviewed. John Chipman moved to approve the agenda, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion carried.

**Minutes of the prior February 5, 2020 meeting** were reviewed. Jerry Kohn moved to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Grace Rappe. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** SLU #155 Site Plan Review for Glorious Gardens 13535 Three Oaks Rd, Sawyer, Michigan. John Chipman reviewed his consultation with the applicants Melissa Cook and Karen Vilwoc. The parking lot, the semi turnaround, and driveway construction meet Township requirements. The plan also includes new signs and a proposed security gate. Moved by Grace Rappe to approve the site plan for Glorious Gardens SLU #155, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion carried.

**Other Communication:** None

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Zoning Administrator Van Thornton discussed site of the proposed rezoning of the Township property on Three Oaks Rd.

**New Business:** Site Plan Review, Sawyer Investments II LLC, 5896 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, Michigan, Property Code-11-07-0011-0049-01-1. Applicant wishes to renovate an existing warehouse into a special event hall. This property is zoned C-S. The architect Martin Smith gave a review of the site plan that included parking, building layout, drainage plan and lighting that complies with the new zoning ordinance. There will be no kitchen in the plans, food will be brought in along with tables and chairs. During the discussion it was noted that the parking calculations will need to be revised or the occupancy adjusted, and to review the parking for the existing Special Land Use permit. Doug Dow moved to hold a public hearing on April 1, 2020 at 6:30 PM for a Special land Use permit for a special event hall at 5896 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, Michigan, supported by Grace Rappe. Motion carried.

Special Land Use #135 minor amendment, Blue Flame LLC, 9185 Union Pier Road, Union Pier, Property Code # 11-07-0030-0002-06-1. Applicant wishes to add food service, offer outdoor beverage service, and outdoor entertainment to the existing Special Land Use. After a short discussion with the applicant Matt Moersch it was confirmed that his request is a minor amendment to the current Special Land Use permit. The occupancy of the building will not be increased by this change and they have proposed added parking if needed. Moved by John Chipman to approve the minor amendment to add food service, offer outdoor beverage service, and outdoor entertainment to the existing Special Land Use #155, supported by Grace Rappe. Motion carried.

Rezone-Property Code #11-07-0014-0015-02-1. Vacant 10 acre parcel currently zoned R-Recreation to AG-Agriculture. Property is currently owned by Chikaming Township. After a short discussion it was decided that the zoning change would fix the current spot zoning. Moved by Bill Marske to hold a public hearing on April 1, 2020, at 6:45 PM on the proposed zoning change, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion Carried.

Chairman Doug Dow mentioned that at the April meeting we will be electing officers for the next year.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** With no further business before the Commission, Grace Rappe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,  
Bill Marske, Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission