

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION June 6, 2018
Approved

The Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 pm by Chairman Doug Dow with members Bill Marske, Jerry Kohn, Grace Rappe, Richard Carlson, and Andrew Brown present. Gary Wood was absent.

The Agenda was reviewed. Marske moved to approve the agenda, supported by Rappe. Motion carried.

Minutes of the prior May meeting were reviewed. Carlson moved to approve the minutes, supported by Brown. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Update on the progress of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Carlson reported that the latest draft of the ordinance is being reviewed by an attorney on behalf of the township. It is anticipated that the legal review will be finished at the end of the coming week. At the next meeting the ordinance should be ready for commission review.

Reports: None

New Business: SLU # 198 : convert single family residence to multi-unit dwelling.
Action: Set date and time for public hearing

Jesse Hibler with Hibler Design Studio came forth to speak about the requested SLU for 9663 Berrien Street. He explained that the building's current use is multifamily and planned renovations would extend that nonconforming use.

Attorney Mark Miller explained that the new owner would like to update the building so that it is in top notch condition. He explained that the previous owner rented the units in 2016/ 17 and the new owner purchased it in 2018. The building is presently badly water damaged and in need of renovation. There are 6 existing units and the proposed renovation would reduce this to 5.

Kohn expressed concern with the parking being on Berrien St. Hibler explained that 5 units would require 9 on-site parking spots.

Building and Zoning Administrator Van Thornton informed the commission that it is unclear if there ever was an SLU for this parcel and it has been a multifamily use for as long as anyone can remember.

Rappe questioned if every unit has a kitchen. Hibler answered that they do.

Moved by Rappe, seconded by Marske, to set the Public Hearing for Special Land Use 198 to be heard for an extension of non-conforming use for July 11th.
Motion carried.

Other Public Comments:

Kohn requested that all commission members get township emails set up. Hilmer confirmed that it is important to use the township provided email in case of FOIA request.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Commission, Carlson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Supported by Brown. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

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