

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2015
APPROVED MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bouwer, Greg Myers, Mark Pitzer, Cheryl Rosen, Les Salacina, and Ryan Schultz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Knape

STAFF PRESENT: Zoning Official Joe Selzer

Chairman Pitzer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was properly posted and a quorum of the Brooks Township Planning Commission was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Salacina, **Seconded** by Bouwer to accept the agenda as amended to add Camping Ordinance and Wildlife Feeding under New Business.

Approved Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Myers, **Seconded** by Rosen to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2015 Meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: All PC Members received an invitation to an Open House for Ottawa Pointe on Pettit Lake.

Moved by Salacina, **Seconded** by Bouwer to temporarily adjourn the regular PC meeting.

Approved Unanimously.

Moved by Rosen, **Seconded** by Myers to open the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Approved Unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Changes as listed on agenda.

Chairman Pitzer said this meeting was properly posted in the Times Indicator. Selzer said he has not received any input, comments or questions from township individuals regarding these changes. There was no public comment at the meeting.

Selzer mentioned Ordinance 9.06 Sec. N. is just for pergolas and that gazebos will not be allowed. Selzer didn't think that gazebos needed to be mentioned because this change is just for pergolas.

Moved by Salacina, **Seconded** by Bouwer to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.
Approved Unanimously.

Moved by Bouwer, **Seconded** by Rosen to reconvene the regular PC meeting.
Approved Unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Changes:

Moved by Salacina, **Seconded** by Bouwer to approve the ordinances listed on agenda 1 – 7.
Approved Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Camping Ordinance: There was discussion on how many days would be allowed for camping and when a permit is required. Selzer said Supervisor Nelson has checked on Garfield's ordinance but there wasn't much. Nelson found in Croton, they allow two weeks and is renewable every two weeks. Permits are free. Our ordinance allows four consecutive days in a 30 day period.

There was discussion also regarding whether the property is occupied and the days allowed for camping or if camping is on vacant land how many days are allowed. The permits can be renewed. More research will be done on this and be brought back to the PC.

2. Wildlife Feeding: The question on wildlife feeding was brought to our attention from a resident on Butterfield Lake. Discussion regarding the feeding of wildlife. The PC consensus was that this issue should be brought to the DNR or DEQ.

STAFF UPDATE: (see attached) The ZO said he is getting an increase in new house permits and also for pole barns.

The Baptist Church has inquired about adding on to their building for educational classrooms. Selzer hasn't heard back from them. Alpine Tree Service is working on the parking area. He was issued a driveway permit. Selzer doesn't think the site plan will happen this year.

Pitzer said there is a business next to Jeff's Automotive that is making modified vehicles for off road. They may be coming for a site plan review special land use. Nelson has talked to Charlie Harris, the business owner, who is supposed to be coming up with a site plan and business plan. He was in violation of the ordinance because of the junk and debris there along with vehicle parts. He said he will come up with one. We are waiting to receive it.

Nelson is talking to Harris about these things. Selzer said he thinks Mr. Harris also wants to add on to the building.

Selzer said the guy that owns the former A-1 Radiator Shop is working on it slowly, but it is coming along. Pitzer said they have removed the underground storage tanks, put in a cement building and have met the setback requirements. He has also taken out the proper permits

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Pitzer said the Township Clean-Up Day is June 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and asked if anyone could help to let Chris Haynor know. This is the same day the county has hazardous clean-up day so you can take hazardous waste up there.

Pitzer said Phil Knape told him the Forrest Service will be cutting red pines

Pitzer said the Forestry from Ludington will be having a meeting with officials in Newaygo County and is hoping the PC will be invited.

There was discussion on clear cutting land.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Salacina, **Seconded** by Bouwer to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les Salacina
Planning Commission Secretary

Maureen Dutkiewicz
Recording Secretary