

**MINUTES OF THE SPARTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018, 7 PM**  
**Sparta Township Hall, Sparta, Michigan**

**Present:** Sparta Township Clerk Marcy Savage; Commissioners Tim Driscoll, Scott Bultman, Mark VanderWerff, Don Doyle, Linda Anderson and Terry Hartman (Chairman)

**Also present:** Township Attorney Cliff Bloom, Sub Recording Secretary Marcy Savage, and Sparta Township Supervisor & Zoning Administrator Dale Bergman

**Absent:** None

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Chairman Terry Hartman.

**II. Additions or Corrections to Agenda:** None

**III. Minutes of March 13, 2018:** Motion made by Doyle to approve Planning Commission minutes from March 13, 2018. Seconded by Anderson.

**Carried 7-0**

**IV. Public Comment:**

Mike May presented a new site plan. There were also comments from Ken Hudson, Kelly Erhart, Carla Erhart, Jason Blaauw, Tina Kooman and Sue Manesko expressing their concerns about safety, noise, trash, and appearance of the proposed migrant camp.

**V. Business Items:**

**1. Kenneth Hubert- Special Use Request: Migrant Labor Camp in Ag-1 continuation of public hearing**

Mike May presented the commission with an aerial view of the property with 4 migrant homes drawn in. The applicant had only applied for one migrant house, the Huberts withdrew the 3 extra homes. Bloom informed the commission that we could go through the standards and if they were met and it was passed it needed to go to the ZBA for a variance.

In going through the Standard of Section 7.02 the commission felt that Standard A. 1 was not met. The commission was unsure with the proposed "site plan" that there would be safe access to the property in question and adjacent properties to fire and police protection. This conclusion was made due to the fact there was not any driveway drawn in on the "site plan". Doyle made a motion to deny the petitioners request, it was seconded by Savage. Roll call vote was taken: Driscoll-No, Doyle-Yes, Hartman-Yes, VanderWerff-No, Anderson-No, Savage-Yes, Bultman-Yes

**Carried 4-3**

The Special land use was denied.

**2. Paul Jr. & Angela Webber Special use request:**

Angela presented her site plan and stated they would like to obtain a Special Use Permit for their farm to hold gatherings to include; weddings, reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties, etc. The events would take place at a maximum of once per week (Saturdays) during the months of May- October.

There were several neighbors there expressing their concerns, Sherrie Miller, Matt Johnson and Justin Decharme. There were also 5 letters presented to the commission all with concerns of animals roaming the neighborhood on several occasions, noise and traffic.

The Commission along with Attorney Bloom went through the Standard from Section 7.02. The Commission was not sure if the driveway was adequate for a fire truck to respond to an emergency. The request was tabled until the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to be able to give the fire department and sheriff's department and the commissioners time to inspect the property for the safety concerns and for the commissioner's time to read the letters presented at the beginning of the meeting.

**VI. Adjournment:** Motion by Doyle, seconded by Bultman, to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Sparta Township Planning Commission will be May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
—Marcy Savage  
Substitute Recording Secretary