

Minutes of the Sparta Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting of December 10, 2019, 7 PM
Sparta Township Hall, Sparta MI

Present: Chairperson Terry Hartman; Township Clerk Marcy Savage;
Commissioners Linda Anderson, Tim Driscoll, Ken Humphreys,
and Mark VanderWerff

Also Present: Fresh Coast Planning Associate Emma Posillico, AICP;
Township Supervisor Dale Bergman; and Recording Secretary Toni Potes

Absent: Commissioner Don Doyle

I. / II. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Hartman called the meeting to order at 7 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Additions or Corrections to Agenda: None.

IV. Minutes of November 12, 2019: Motion by Anderson, second by Humphreys, to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comment: No public comment.

VI. Business Items

- A. Proposed Revisions to Zoning Ordinance Section 4.8E (Height of Accessory Buildings). Public hearing anticipated for January: Planner Posillico suggested postponing the public hearing until January to save on publication costs, with the anticipating that the Solar and Wind Energy Ordinance changes will also be heard in January 2020. Clerk Savage is working with an individual that, if this ordinance is adopted, the individual would not need a variance.
- B. Proposed Revisions to Zoning Ordinance Section 8.13 (Migrant Farm Labor Housing). Public hearing anticipated in January: The Planning Commission requested federal regulations be included in the ordinance; they are referenced. As per suggested by Planner Posillico above, a public hearing will be scheduled for January 2020.
- C. Solar Ordinance (continued from last month): After review by Planner Posillico of the changes proposed by Township Attorney Cliff Bloom, motion by VanderWerff, second by Anderson, to proceed to public hearing on the proposed ordinance, incorporating the changes made by Attorney Bloom and discussed tonight. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Wind Energy Ordinance (continued from last month): After review by Planner Posillico of the changes proposed by Township Attorney Cliff Bloom, motion by Savage, second by Humphreys, to proceed to public hearing on the proposed ordinance, incorporating the changes made by Attorney Bloom and discussed tonight. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Discussion of Zoning Ordinance Section 8.3F (Variation of Maximum or Minimum Lot Size—Special Use) (continued from last month): Motion by Driscoll, second by Anderson, to change “shall” to “may” where indicated in the draft and proceed to public hearing on the proposed ordinance changes. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule: The Planning Commission 2020 Tentative Meeting Schedule is as follows (at 7 PM in the Sparta Township Hall meeting room): January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8.

VII. Public Comment: Township Supervisor Bergman stated Emma did a good job tonight.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Humphreys to adjourn at 7:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Sparta Township Planning Commission will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 7 PM in the Sparta Township Hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
—Toni Potes
Recording Secretary