

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

June 28, 2018

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 28th day of June, 2018, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Penzien at 7 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Dave Penzien, Phil Madeline, Mark Ochadleus, Kent Gierman, Geri Berry and Bob Stockwell. ABSENT: Maureen Lemons. ALSO PRESENT: Planner Caitlyn Habben, Attorney Chris Stritmatter and the public per the attached sheet.

REVIEW MINUTES:

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the May 24, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Gierman to approve the May 24, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing to Amend section 4.9 of the zoning ordinance to regulate commercial and small scale wind energy systems: Chairman Penzien opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Chairman Penzien closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Motion to Amend Section 4.9 of the Zoning Ordinance to Regulate Commercial and Small Scale Energy Systems:**

Attorney Stritmatter and Planner Habben reviewed the ordinance to regulate energy systems. There was discussion and questions from the public.

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to recommend to the Attica Township Board the amendment of Section 4.9, pertaining to regulation of commercial and small scale wind energy systems, of the Zoning Ordinance as attached. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Review Draft of Short Term Lakefront Vacation Rental Property:**

Planner Habben reviewed her draft of the ordinance to regulate short term lakefront vacation rental properties. There was discussion among Planner Habben, Attorney Stritmatter and the Planning Commission members.

MOTION by Gierman, seconded by Stockwell to set a Public Hearing, for an ordinance to regulate short term lakefront vacation rental properties, for the July 26, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Input on Noise Ordinance:**

Supervisor Ochadleus stated that there is an issue with residents shooting guns seven days a week and the possibility of regulating it through the noise ordinance. Attorney Stritmatter discussed finding a way to limit shooting through the noise ordinance. There was discussion.

2. **Change Definitions of Buildings to Exclude Travel Trailers on Vacant Property:**

Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the definition of buildings in the zoning ordinance and discussed the need to change the definition of buildings in the ordinance to disallow campers on vacant property. Planner Habben and Attorney Stritmatter discussed the issues of running water, electricity and proper sewage involved with recreational vehicles on vacant land. There was discussion. Planner Habben will have information on this issue at the July meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

PLANNER'S REPORT: None

PUBLIC TIME: Resident Mary Tullio asked the status of Owen Tree Service and stated that there is clear cutting occurring at the site.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Gierman seconded by Berry to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the
Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary