

ISABELLA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION

April 9, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on April 9, 2015 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Horton, Cheryl Jindeel, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator
Kim Kennedy, Reporting Sectary

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bean at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bean requested that the agenda be approved as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Ms. Jindeel to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Horton, Cheryl Jindeel, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy

No: None

Motion carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Feb 2015 regular meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Ms. White supported by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes with as presented.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Horton, Cheryl Jindeel, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy

No: None

Motion carried

LIAISON REPORTS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mr. Gilchrist reported that they ZBA reviewed a variance request to shorten a property owners setbacks, and due to the irregular lot shape it was granted.

Parks & Recreation – no meeting

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Horton reported that three things came in front of the Commissioners. Bid Network – for RFP's, Adding of Bailiffs at the court house, and new contract with Wayne County to house 10-15 inmates from Wayne County in Isabella County.

TOWNSHIP CONCERNS - none

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

NEW BUSINESS

Special Use Permit #15-01:

Mr. Johnson explained that an application was filed on March 16, 2015 by Danielle J Cotter to operate a group child care home. Property located at 1379 N La Pearl Rd. Weidman MI 48893. Ms. Cotter included a site plan layout. Ms. Cotter is requesting this Special Use Permit so she can increase her numbers from 6 children to up to 12 children.

Mr. Johnson also made reference to MZEA, section 206(4) use of *shall*. Stating that if all of the criteria in Section 206(4) are met, a Special Land Use permit *shall* be issued. It appears that this application meets all criteria.

Staff has posted a sign on the property, prepared notices and posted the request in the Morning Sun on March 22, 2015 as per our Ordinance and State Law requirements.

Board discussion occurred

Public Hearing opened 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Cotter stated that the State requires her to ask for a Special Use Permit for her to increase her Group Child Care home from 6 to up to 12.

A motion was made by Mr. Horton seconded by Mr. Gilchrist to recommend approval of Special Use Permit # 15-01 with stipulations that proposed fence be constructed in accordance with section 12.05,

and approve the of hours of operation to begin at 7:30 a.m. as requested by the applicant.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Horton, Cheryl Jindeel, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil, Kelly Bean, Ann Silker, Jeremy Murphy

No: None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Johnson explained to the board the new look to the Staff Report.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS –

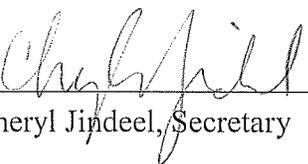
Mr. Bean welcomed new member Ann Silker.

Ms. Silker made reference to the Group Child Care hours of operation and believe encouragement should be made for overnight care homes in our area.

Mr. Johnson made reference to the State law which doesn't allow the county to prohibit overnight care, but does allow the county to limit the hours. Also the current ordinance allows the planning commission to approve hours of operation for a special use permit outside the range of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Horton to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Jindeel at 7:30 p.m.



Cheryl Jindeel, Secretary