



**THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, October 25, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order (7:00 P.M.)**
- 2. Approval of agenda:**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. September 29, 2021
- 4. Citizen Comments:**
- 5. Public Hearings<sup>1</sup>:**
  - a. Private Road application #68**
    1. *Applicant Presentation*
    2. *Staff Introduction – Getty & Boerman*
    3. *Public Comments*
    4. *Commission questions and deliberation*
  - b. Ordinance Amendments – Two-family homes**
    1. *Staff Introduction – Getty*
    2. *Public Comments*
    3. *Commission questions and deliberation*
- 6. New Business:**
  - a. Mining inspection reports - Boerman
- 7. Unfinished Business:**
  - a. none
- 8. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Ordinance Committee – [Kilgore, Finkbeiner, Rairigh, Gasper (alt)] –
  - b. Site Plan Committee – [Finkbeiner, Denton, Wandrie] –
  - c. Joint Planning Committee - [Rairigh, Denton, Gasper, Kilgore(alt)] –
- 9. Administrator's Report:**
  - a. Zoning Activity Report
  - b. Code Enforcement Report

**10. Commissioner Comments:**

**11. Adjournment**

**THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting, Wednesday September 29, 2021**

1. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Kilgore at 7:00 p.m. at Thornapple Township located at 200 E. Main St. Middleville, MI 49333.
- b. Present: Bryan Finkbeiner, Linda Gasper, Elizabeth Hansson, Tom Kilgore, Sandra Rairigh and Craig Wandrie. Absent: Elaine Denton Also Present: Catherine Getty and Amy Brown. No one from the public attended.

2. Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION** by Gasper, **SUPPORT** Rairigh to approve the agenda, as printed. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes and 1 absent.

3. Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION** by Rairigh, **SUPPORT** by Gasper to approve the June 28, 2021 minutes. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes and 1 absent.

4. Citizen Comments: None

5. Public Hearings:

- a. Private Road Application #68 - Application was withdrawn at this time.

6. New Business:

- a. Master Plan Implementation Schedule – Getty reviewed the schedule included in the agenda packet with commissioners. Discussed the 11 action points that the commissioners could decide to address. Some would provide increased continuity between ordinances issued by the Village of Middleville and Barry County. Gasper asked what the next step would be. Getty provided two options to the commissioners as to how to work on these points. First, they could pass along these action points to various committees to address and recommend back to the committee as a whole. The second option proposed was to schedule a meeting for the commission to work through it together. Commissioners agreed they would prefer to work on it as a full commission. Getty suggested doing this in the winter and will follow up with commissioners to schedule.

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Ordinance Committee [Kilgore, Finkbeiner, Rairigh, Gasper (alt)] – Kilgore stated that the committee is recommending two changes to Article XIX Special Uses Section 19.64 and Article IV Section 4.3. Getty presented two options to the commissioners as to how to proceed. First, they could hold this until after they completed the Master Plan action points as it is likely there will be more changes to the ordinances. That way there could be one public comment and one occasion where their recommendations would be presented to the township board for approval. However, if it was held off for the time being, someone could possibly apply for a special use permit that would otherwise be clarified in the revisions to the ordinance. Conversely, they could decide to handle this change right away and separate from any other possible changes. Gasper and Kilgore agreed it would be better to go ahead with the change so that it is completed now. Commissioners agreed. Getty stated she would schedule the public hearing for the next regular Planning Commission meeting.
- b. Site Plan Committee [Finkbeiner, Denton, Wandrie, Hansson(alt)] – The committee did meet at the location of the Private Road Application #68 to review the site plan. They had a good discussion with the applicant and discussed the possibility of entry via Misty Ridge versus M-37. Some pros and cons were discussed, and the applicant is looking into their options further.
- c. Joint Planning Committee [Rairigh, Denton, Gasper, Kilgore, Getty(alt)] -None.

9. Administrator's Report:

- a. Zoning Activity Report – Provided in the Planning Committee packet. Getty asked if there were any questions. There were no questions at this time.
- b. Code Enforcement Report – Getty updated the commissioners regarding communication taking place with a company called MichWave. Getty updated the commissioners on the situation with Caledonia and where they are in the process with this company.

10. Citizen Comments: None

11. Commissioner Comments: Kilgore informed the commissioners that the short-term rental property on Duncan Lake had been sold. Getty replied that she doesn't believe that short-term rentals are an issue on Duncan Lake and that likely an ordinance would not be needed to address this.

12. Adjournment:

**MOTION** by Finkbeiner, **SUPPORT** by Wandrie to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes and 1 absent.

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*Sandra Rairigh, Secretary*

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*Amy Brown, Recording Secretary*

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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*Catherine Getty*  
*Zoning Administrator*

*October 22, 2021*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Thornapple Township Planning Commission

**FROM:** Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator

**RE:** Preliminary Private Road Permit Application PR#68  
Private Road serving 5 or more parcels  
08-14-027-002-00

### **BACKGROUND:**

Applicant, Duke Suwyn of 3497 N. M37 LLC, proposes to build a private road to serve eight parcels.

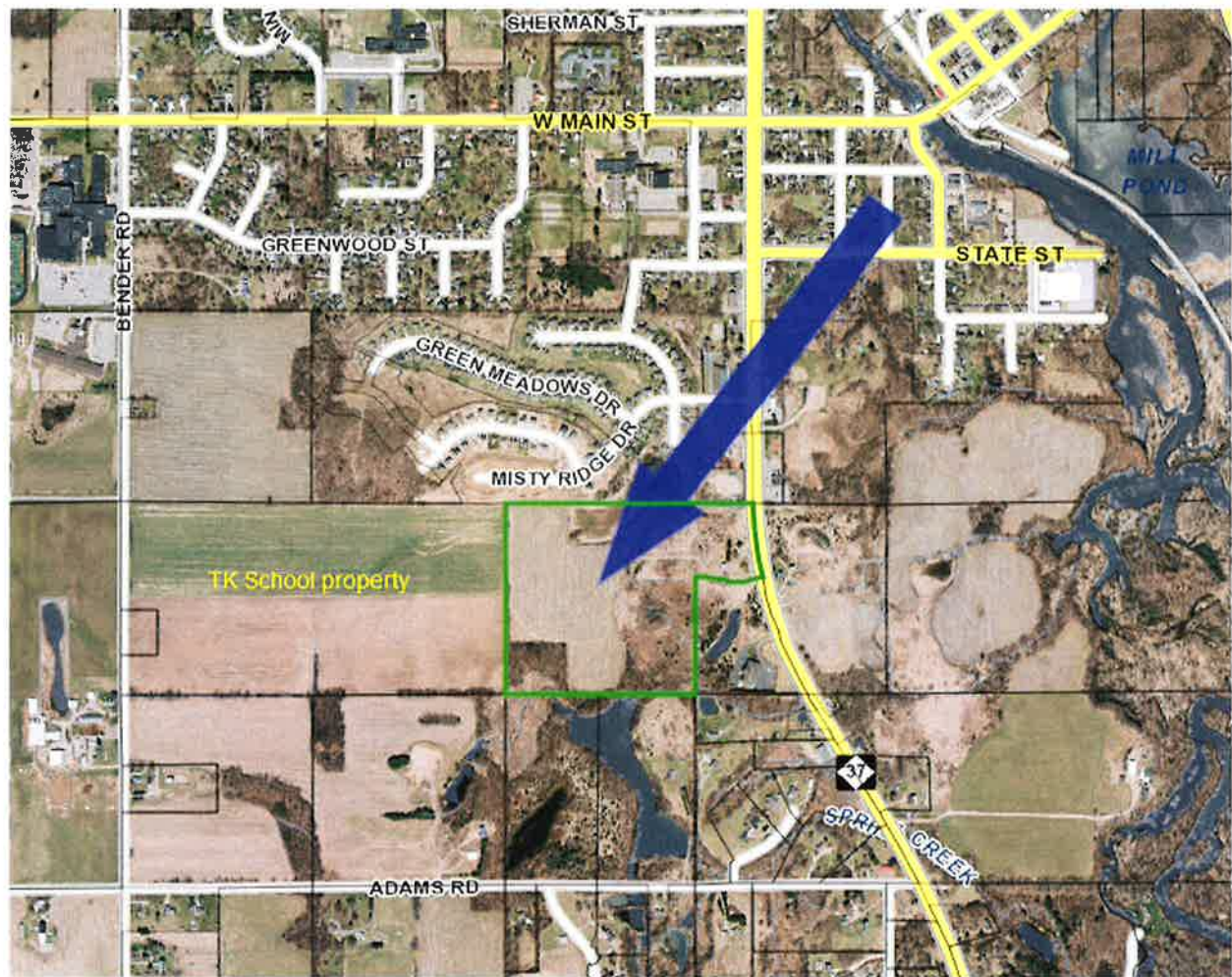
- *Exhibit 1 – location map*
- *Exhibit 2 – Application and private road plan*
- *Exhibit 3 – Vriesman and Koorhorn – Engineering review & proposed conditions of preliminary private road approval*

### **STAFF REVIEW:**

Mr. Suwyn has submitted the required materials for review of the preliminary private road permit to serve eight parcels on a private road. The site plan committee, staff and consulting engineer, Todd Boerman, Vriesmand and Koorhorn, have reviewed the application materials.

Our consulting engineer, Todd Boerman, has found that the private road design meets Thornapple Township's Private Road Standards with several recommended conditions of approval of the preliminary road construction permit. [*Exhibit 3 – Vriesman & Koorhorn memo 10-22-2021 & recommendations of approval*].

**EXHIBIT 1**  
***Project Location***



**EXHIBIT 2**  
***Application and private road plan***





October 6, 2021

Catherine Getty  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

RE: Project Narrative  
Middleville Meadows – Approx. 3411 North M-37  
Special Use Approval

Dear Ms. Getty,

We are proposing to create eight additional parcels from the existing 44.9 acre parcel located on the west side of M-37 directly south of the Village of Middleville. We propose to construct a 1200 feet long private street to provide access to these new parcels. The parcels will be served by private wells and individual septic and drain field systems. We are in the process of obtaining approvals from the respective local and state agencies also.

Regarding the review standards for special uses, we have the following comments:

1. The development will be harmonious with the adjacent land as directly north is a more densely residential area with a commercial area along M-37. The property to the southwest is also a commercial use. The proposed development is also consistent with the Township Master Plan.
2. The use shall not impair the character of the surrounding uses.
3. The use shall not create serious nuisance or be hazardous to adjacent property.
4. The use shall not have substantial adverse effect on storm water drainage, traffic volume, sanitary sewage disposal or water supply. The storm water will flow through grassed swales along the road prior to outletting into the large wetland area on site. Individual septic tanks and drain fields per Barry County Health Department shall accommodate the sewage. Private wells shall supply the required water.
5. The use shall not have a substantial adverse effect on the need for law enforcement or fire protection services.
6. The use shall not have a substantial negative impact on natural resources and features.
7. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall minimize conflict on the public street and will be designed per Village, MDOT, and Township requirements as applicable.
8. The timing of the use is related to the neighborhood.
9. The use shall not require any additional public services beyond current capacities.
10. The use is in accordance with the Township's Master Plan.

We currently anticipate the cost for the construction of the private road to be approximately \$125,000.

Please feel free to contact our office at (616) 361-7220 x103 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

**ROOSIEN & ASSOCIATES**

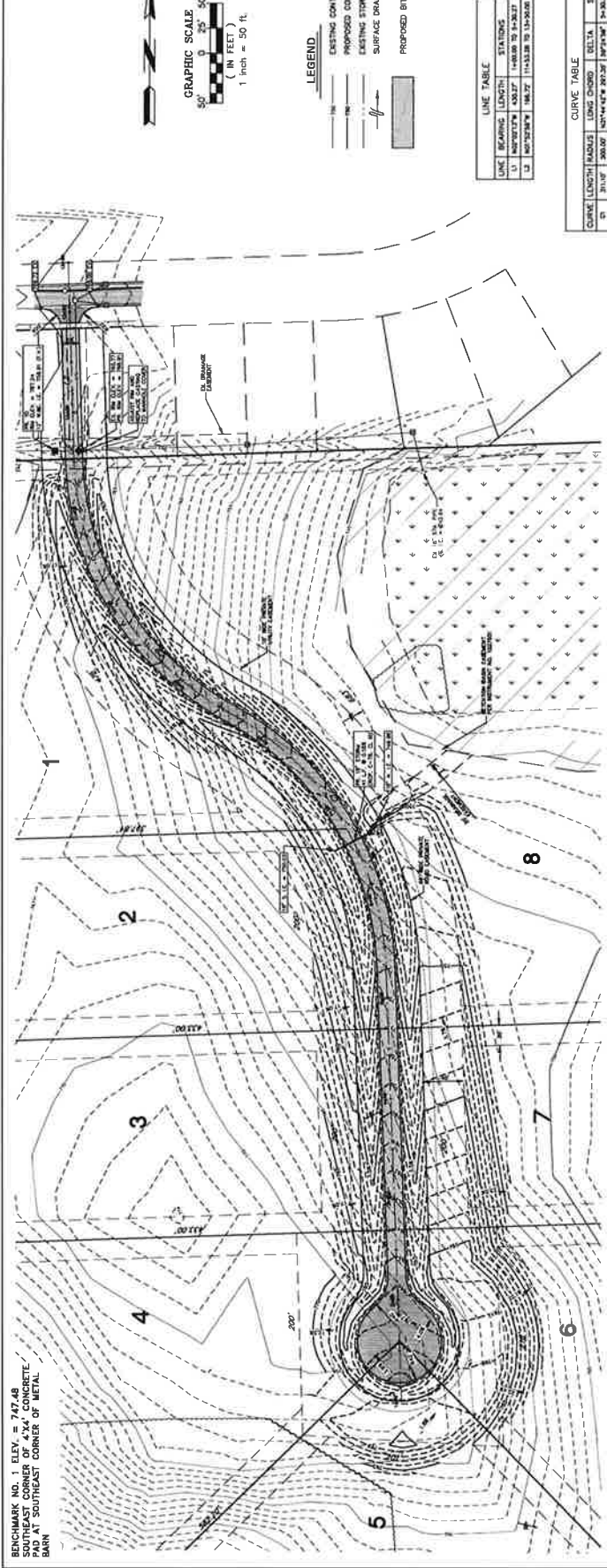
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Matt Cole, P.E. LEED AP  
Senior Civil Engineer













**EXHIBIT 3**  
***Engineering review &  
proposed conditions of preliminary private road approval***





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*Via Email: cgetty@thornapple-twp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Middleview Meadow Site Plan Review  
Section 27, Thornapple Township**

Dear Ms. Getty,

We have reviewed the site plan for Middleview Meadows prepared by Roosien and Associates with a revision date of October 5, 2021. The Site Plan Committee met onsite to review the site plan on September 21, 2021. We have the following comments:

1. The submitted plan reflects a substantial revision from their original submittal where the private street connected to M37. Connecting the private street from Misty Ridge eliminates direct access to M37, eliminates wetland impact for a necessary expansion of the wetland crossing for the private street, maintains separation between different land uses, offers a shorter length of private street, and secures future pedestrian access from the Misty Ridge community to school facilities.
2. The proposed connection to Misty Ridge Drive must be constructed to standards set by the Village of Middleville (Village) and receive the applicable approval by the Village for connection to their street and private street construction within their right-of-way. We recommend that this approval be a condition of Thornapple Township approval for the private street.
3. A private street maintenance agreement must be prepared and recorded. The agreement should include provisions necessary to address maintenance of improvements within Village right-of-way, including sidewalk, lawn maintenance, stormwater provisions, and any other item that the Village will identify during their review.
4. We recommend that the private street within the Village right-of-way include bituminous valley gutter to direct stormwater flow away from adjacent residences. The gutters can be discharged to the existing drainage easement or carried through to the proposed ditch south of the Village limits if the easement has limited capacity.
5. The private street intersects a rear yard drainage easement for Misty Ridge with 12-inch storm sewer and overland ditch. The proposed plan includes the addition of a catch basin cut in to the storm sewer to collect the drainage upstream of the street. The design

must assure conveyance of the 100-year stormwater flow safely to the Misty Ridge detention basin.

6. The proposed private street cross section, plan, and profile meets the requirements of Section 21.26(g) of the Thornapple Township Zoning Ordinance.
7. The proposed design of the private street seeks to minimize the impact of construction on the site and maintains existing drainage patterns. The wetlands within the site will serve the needs for flood control and quality provision typically provided by traditional stormwater measures such as a dedicated detention basin.
8. The proposed ditches are proposed to discharge to a wide ditch within Unit 8, directing flow to the Misty Ridge detention basin that is also within Unit 8. We recommend that the Village review and approve of this discharge point. This drainage area is larger than the area naturally flowing the detention basin now and may impact the function of the detention basin design. If the Village does not approve of the flow, the ditch can be lengthened to discharge further east downstream of the Misty Ridge detention basin.
9. We recommend providing a minor impoundment with an overflow within the outlet ditch to encourage infiltration of the “first flush” from low flow stormwater events.
10. The engineer must submit stormwater calculations supporting the proposed culvert that crosses the private street. The culvert must be designed to convey the 10-year storm. The drainage design must be able to convey the 100-year storm without property damage.
11. The proposed ditch on the east side of the private street north of the outlet discharges to a steep slope. We recommend that the discharge point be armored to the base of the slope to prevent erosion. Alternatively, the ditch could be eliminated to encourage disbursed sheet flow to the Misty Ridge detention area.
12. The Planning Commission may decide to require sidewalks along the private street based upon Section 21.26(g)(12) of the Zoning Ordinance. The lot size exceeds the minimum size where sidewalk is required in Section 21.35.
13. The proposed plan includes a proposed easement along the north property line of Unit 1 for the construction of a future pathway to Thornapple Kellogg school property. This easement must be extended north to connect with Misty Ridge drive. The route must be graded to accommodate future construction. School facilities are currently on the far west end of their property and makes pathway construction unnecessary at this time.
14. Potential homesites on Lots 1 - 3 are above steep slopes extending from the proposed private street. The applicant should consider additional grading to avoid steep driveways or difficult sites to construct homes.
15. Our understanding is that Lot 9, with frontage along M37, will be rezoned and developed for a commercial use later. Improvements associated with development on the M37 corridor will be required at that time. Lot 9 will not have access to the proposed private street and shall be excluded from the private street maintenance agreement.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn

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Todd Boerman, PE

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Planning Commission**  
**From: Catherine Getty**  
**RE: Proposed conditions of preliminary private road approval**

1. Village of Middleville approval of the following items:
  - a. Village approval of the private road construction design within the Village ROW. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #2)
  - b. Village approval of the items within the proposed Private Road Maintenance Agreement related to maintenance within the Village easement and ROW. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #3)
  - c. The addition of bituminous valley gutters within the Village ROW directing stormwater away from adjacent residents. The gutters can be discharged to the existing drainage easement or carried through to the proposed ditch south of the Village limits if the easement has limited capacity. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #4)
  - d. Village approval of the discharge point in Unit 8 or Township approval of ditch design to discharge further east downstream of the Misty Ridge detention basin. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #8)
2. The proposed design of a catch basin cut into the storm sewer to collect the drainage upstream of the street must assure the conveyance of the 100-year stormwater flow safely to the Misty Ridge detention basin. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #5)
3. Addition of a minor impoundment with an overflow within the outlet ditch to encourage infiltration of the "first flush" from low flow stormwater events. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #9)
4. Submittal of stormwater calculations supporting the culvert that crosses the private street. The culvert must be designed to convey the 10-year storm. The drainage design must be able to convey the 100-year storm without property damage. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #10)

5. The discharge point of the proposed ditch on the east side of the private street north of the outlet be armored to the base of the slope to prevent erosion or the ditch could be eliminated to encourage disbursed sheet flow to the Misty Ridge detention area. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #11)
6. Applicant indicate location of 20 foot-wide public pathway easement within Village easement and must grade entire length of 20 foot-wide pedestrian easement from Misty Ridge Drive to Thornapple Kellogg school property line to accommodate future construction of public pathway. (see Vreesman & Korhorn report #13)
7. Applicant shall instruct all road construction contractors to direct as much traffic as possible through the access road off M37. Barry County Road Commission seasonal load limits will be enforced on Misty Ridge streets.
8. Construction debris must be controlled at the private street/Misty Ridge Street intersection.

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Planning Commission**  
**From: Catherine Getty**  
**RE: Recommended Ordinance Amendments – Two-family dwellings**

Recommended zoning amendments:

1. Amending Article XIX SPECIAL USES Section 19.64 to only allow two-family dwellings in districts when served with public water and sewer [see 19.64(f) below].

### **Article XIX Special Uses**

#### **Section 19.64 Two-Family Residential Building**

*Each two-family residential building shall conform to the following standards:*

- a. A minimum lot area of 12,000 square feet shall be required with a minimum lot width of 100 feet.*
- b. If access is to a major street or county primary road, a single driveway opening at the abutting street shall serve each two-family building.*
- c. Each two-family building shall be of substantially similar appearance as other residential buildings on adjacent properties and in the neighborhood.*
- d. Front, side and rear yard setback shall be no less than the minimum setback required in the "RZ" Zoning District.*
- e. Each two-family building shall have direct access to a public street.*
- f. Access to public water and sewer*

2. Remove "two family dwellings" as a special use allowed in the AR District

### **ARTICLE IV – "AR" AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

#### **Section 4.3 Special Land Uses...**

*w. Two-family residential building.*



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*Via Email: cgetty@thornapple-twp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
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Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Inspection for Top Grade Aggregates Mineral Extraction and Contractor Yard on  
Yerington Property  
Section 30, Thornapple Township**

Dear Catherine,

We completed an inspection of the Top Grade mining operation and contractor yard on October 5, 2021. Top Grade had an operator working onsite but he did not accompany me during my inspection.

Mining has continued east but remains within the parcels owned by the Yerington family. The Planning Commission requested in June additional information prior to mine expansion east into the Reurink and Wenger properties. They continue to observe the required buffer area between the operation and Leeks Lake.

The operator expressed interest in adding a scale at the pit entrance during our June 2021 review. At the time, the Aggregate Industries conveyor crossing under the driveway made this idea not feasible. The conveyor has been removed. The addition of a scale will require Township approval.

The conveyor route crossing the west portion of the site is no longer active, and it will be restored by Aggregate Industries in 2022 to encourage the use of this area for crop production.

Large stockpiles of quality clay spoils have been placed on the west portion pit floor where mining is complete. The operator reported that these will be spread on the pit floor for the restoration effort.

The contractor yard remains on the south end of the site, but in June this was proposed to be moved further north to the pit floor where mining is complete. The operator should move the yard to the new location. There was a large pile of wood mixed with pieces of rubber and other refuse within the contractor yard. Trash and refuse should be removed, and a burn permit needs

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to be obtained if they intend to burn the pile. The remainder of the site appeared to be in good and clean condition.

We find that the operation is generally compliant with permit conditions and the Zoning Ordinance requirements, but we recommend the cleanup of the burn pile and moving of the contractor yard according to the approved plan. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn



Todd Boerman, PE

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*Via Email: cgetty@thornappletwp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Inspection of Mineral Extraction operated by Aggregate Industries on Lettinga family properties  
Section 31, Thornapple Township**

Dear Catherine,

We have completed an inspection of the Aggregate Industries (AI) mine operation on October 5, 2021. Mr. Rob Hayes and Mr. Dan Klimmek of Aggregate Industries accompanied us during the inspection. Mr. Klimmek is the new area manager for Aggregate Industries.

AI has finished mining the "South Site" near the dairy farm. Restoration efforts on slopes are complete along the west side of the operation adjacent to Patterson Avenue and along the south side where it is adjacent to the dairy farm. The remainder of the south site has not been reclaimed due to potential interest from a different operator's interest in mining materials beyond the current limits. We understand that the owner may be requesting AI release their rights to these materials in the near future. We have requested that AI keep the Township informed if this release is executed. The performance bond posted by AI will remain in place until the area is restored or a new performance bond is posted by a different operator under a different permit with the Township.

AI has ceased actively mining the pond created at the "North Site." They will decide during the current permit period expiring in fall of 2022 whether to continue mining materials from the pond or whether to pursue restoration. The pond is nearing its final proposed dimensions, but there is still material in and around the lake that can be mined.

AI has removed their conveyor that transported material south, across the Top Grade driveway, then west across Patterson Avenue. A gravel pathway and remnants of the conveyor, such as belts, rollers, and supports remain along the route. We requested that the equipment be removed this fall while pursuing restoration of the conveyor path to agricultural use in 2022. Because they have removed the conveyor, further processing of materials from the pond will need to be done with mobile equipment and stockpiled in the vicinity until the material is used.

AI no longer has interest in relocating their plant site to the east side of Patterson Avenue because they were able to obtain a 10-year lease extension for their existing plant. They now have utilized their conveyor to transport materials from mines in Leighton Township to their plant.

Mr. Hayes indicated that they may remove the mine driveway for the purpose of recovering materials and because site access from this location is no longer needed. We noted that Township approval will be required for the driveway removal since it was not indicated on the plans presented for permit application and renewal. Consideration for site access for the site's future use should be considered.

AI has not pursued restoration in 2021 but has budgeted for it in 2022. The restoration should be pursued as noted below:

- a. Along the east property line with the Wenger property. Restoration by AI will blend grade between the properties with the exception of the Lettinga family mine used for bedding sand at their dairy farm.
- b. The east banks of the pond and the north property line along the wetlands can be lowered and restored. A low barrier between the wetlands and restored farm field should be created.
- c. The areas along the west banks of the pond.
- d. The conveyor path along the entire route, including through adjacent properties.
- e. Depending upon future mining plans, restoration of the South Site.
- f. When operations cease in the pond area, the pond restoration will need to be closely coordinated with Township staff and the property owner for a desirable finished product.

We found that the site operations are compliant with the operator's permit conditions and ordinance requirements. We recommend that restoration efforts be pursued diligently with coordination as needed and that the Township be kept informed regarding the potential lease release.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn



Todd Boerman, PE

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c. Mr. Rob Hayes, Aggregate Industries



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*Via Email: cgetty@thornapple-twp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Inspection for Mineral Extraction operated by Oetman Excavating on Rodney  
Janose Property  
Section 34, Thornapple Township**

Dear Catherine,

We completed an inspection of the Janose mining operation on October 5, 2021. No operator or owner representatives were present during our inspection.

Mining has continued north since the last time we visited the site in September 2020; however, it does not appear that much more material has been removed. The base elevation of the pit has been established and maintained as required. The fence that protects the top slope was in place but there were gaps due to failure of the fence material.

The barn that was constructed in the area originally mined on the site is now housing pigs. Previously restored areas are successfully producing crops.

The farm has an abundance of trash and refuse that does not appear to be associated with the pit operation and so is outside of the scope of this inspection.

We recommend that the operator repair the fence along the top of the slopes to maintain permit compliance. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn

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Todd Boerman, PE

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*Via Email: cgetty@thornapple-twp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Inspection of Excel Excavating Mineral Extraction on Heidi and Michael Flierman  
Property  
Section 27, Thornapple Township**

Dear Catherine,

We completed an inspection of the Excel Excavating's mining operation on October 5, 2021. The permit application was first approved in June 2021, and this was the first inspection of the operation.

Mining is consistent with the approved plan. The pit limits extend north and west from the original pit limits. Trees have been removed west of the active mining as indicated on the plan. The top of the pit face is protected by snow fence, and it appears that further expansion is limited until crops are harvested.

There is silt fence along the wetlands to the east and the proposed gate for the mine has been installed. The pit is free of refuse and generally appears well kept.

We find that the mining operation is in compliance with the permit conditions and the ordinance requirements of the Township. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn

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Todd Boerman, PE

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c. Mr. Carson Galloway, Excel Excavation



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*Via Email: cgetty@thornappletp.org*

Ms. Catherine Getty, Zoning Administrator  
Thornapple Township  
200 E Main St  
Middleville, MI 49333

**RE: Inspection of Restoration for Mineral Extraction Operated by Stoneco of Michigan  
on Wenger Property  
Section 31, Thornapple Township**

Dear Catherine,

We completed an inspection on October 5, 2021 of the restoration at the former Stoneco mining operation on land owned by the Wenger family.

Most of the former mining limits have been fully restored to crop production by the owner. Some areas remain without crops where they are building up vegetation. A gravel driveway has been constructed along their east property line to the north. The berm along the east property line has been lowered to a slope that can be farmed. The west property line along the Lettinga / Agg Industries operation has been graded gently up to the property line.

The final closeout of the permit and release of their performance bond could be considered by the Township.

Sincerely,

Vriesman & Korhorn

Todd Boerman, PE

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c. Mr. Tony Halloran, Stoneco of Michigan

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## MEMORANDUM

**To: Planning Commission**  
**From: Catherine Getty**  
**RE: Zoning Administrator Report**

PERMIT NO.	APPLICANT NAME		ADDRESS	PARCEL #	Type of Installation	APPROVED / DENIED
	LAST	FIRST				DATE
2021-55	Wing	Kurt	7180 Rolling Oaks Lane	001-015-36	Rooftop Solar	9-29-2021
2021-56	Ray	Tim	6800 Moe Rd.	012-007-25	Acc. Bldg.	9-30-2021
2021-57	Samson	Samantha	5236 Whitneyville Rd	014-023-81	New Home # 10	Pending
2021-58	Wiersma	Mark	5088 Cherry Valley Rd.	100-001-00	Deck	10-19-2021
2021-59	Kermeen	Adam	10542 Garbow Rd.	009-021-80	New Home #11	10-18-2021
2021-60	Ellis	John	8327 W. Crane Rd.	023-001-00	Acc. Building	10-20-2021



# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP

### Code Enforcement Activity

**September 2021**

Comp #	Date	Address	Complaint/Violation	P	Status
21-0000	1/5/2021	7613 Whitneyville Rd.	Bus. Operation/Violation (Re-Open Investigation)	Y	AC
21-0001	1/5/2021	2815 Valley Ridge Dr.	Bus. Operation/Violation	Y	CL
21-0002	1/5/2021	9425 Adams Rd.	Inoperable/Vehicles, Junk, Trash/Blight (Re-Open)	Y	AC
21-0003	1/5/2021	10317 Mulberry Dr.	Deck/No Permit	N	CL
21-0004	1/5/2021	4714 Mulberry Ct.	Deck/No Permit	N	CL
21-0005	1/5/2021	4573 Mulberry Ct.	Shed/No Permit	N	UNF
21-0006	1/5/2021	11353 Jackson Rd.	Inoperable/Vehicles, Junk, Trash/ Blight	Y	CL
21-0007	1/5/2021	8500 Blk. Parmalee Rd.	Collection of Junk Item's	Y	CL
21-0008	1/5/2021	7040 Rolling Oaks Ln.	Addition to Residence/No Permit	Y	CL
21-0009	3/5/2021	4714 N. Redbud Ct.	Shed/No Permit	Y	AC
21-0010	3/9/2021	2496 Bender Rd.	Concerns/Issues with Vehicles/Farm Equipment	Y	AC
21-0011	3/9/2021	7813 W. State Rd.	Trash/Junk Complaint	N	CL
21-0012	3/18/2021	7046 W. Kimberly Dr.	Fence/No Permit, Non-Compliance	Y	CL
21-0013	3/25/2021	874 Firwood Dr.	Dumping Trash	Y	CL
21-0014	3/29/2021	2092 Fawn Ave.	Uncontained Trash Complaint	N	CL
21-0015	4/1/2021	7060 Kimberly Dr.	Construction Equip./Material/Trash	Y	CL



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21-0016	4-13-2021	7440 Whineyville Rd	New Shed/No Permit	Y	CL
21-0017	4/19/2021	7420 Noffke Dr.	Rec. Vehicle Parking Violation/Junk, Blight	Y	CL
21-0018	4/27/2021	6869 Whineyville Rd.	Use of Office/Outbuilding as Residence	N	UNF
21-0019	4/27/2021	2125 Fawn Ave.	Accumulation of Junk/Trash	N	CL
21-0020	4/29/2021	7605 Parmalee Rd.	New Garage/Shed. No Permit	Y	CL
21-0021	4/29/2021	6367 Robertson Rd.	Addition to Existing Pole Barn. No Permit	Y	CL
21-0022	5/14/2021	8011 S. Asterwood Ct.	Building Deck/No Permit, Dumping Debris'	Y	CL
21-0023	5/20/2021	7350 Bouman Dr.	Loose/Free Range Chickens	N	CL
21-0024	5/24/2021	8300 Garbow Rd.	Illegal Residence/Illegal Burning	N	AC
21-0025	6/3/2021	10718 Green Lake Rd.	Addition to Barn/No Permit	Y	CL
21-0026	6/04/2021	6996 Cherry Valley Rd.	New Porch Addition/No Permit	Y	CL
21-0027	7/13/2021	7724 Moe Rd.	Cell Tower/No Permit	N	AC
21-0028	7/13/2021	7220 Robertson Rd.	Cell Tower/No Permit	N	AC
21-0029	7/15/2021	7603 Loop Rd.	Property Line Encroachment/Trash/Junk	N	AC
21-0030	7/15/2021	11998 Greenlake Rd.	Contractor Yard/No Permit	Y	AC
21-0031	7/22/2021	2655 Harwood Lake Rd.	Garage Construction/No Permit	N	CL





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