

## THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting, Monday, September 23, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kilgore at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
2. Present: Bryan Finkbeiner, Jim French, Linda Gasper, Elizabeth Hansson, Tom Kilgore, Sandra Rairigh and Craig Wandrie. Also present: Sue Dykstra, Kelly Lewis, Rob Dykstra, Catherine Getty, Shawna Hill, Nathan Mehmed, and Sherry Ronning.
3. **MOTION** by Rairigh, support by Gasper to approve the agenda **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.
4. **MOTION** by Rairigh, support by Kilgore to approve the August 26, 2019 Minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.
5. **Public Hearings:**
  - A. None
6. Citizen Comments:
  - A. Sue Dykstra from Creekside Greenhouse discussed the ability to pull a permit to use her property for weddings and other special events. Ms. Dykstra commented she uses the venue for Greenhouse related events and would like to expand the venue for weddings and other events. Ms. Dykstra went onto say she has ample parking, five (5) exits out of the property, and is approved for food inside the Greenhouse. Ms. Dykstra commented if they were allowed to move forward with special events and weddings, they would add additional bathrooms and parking lot lighting. Sandra Rairigh asked about liquor on the premises and Dykstra commented she uses a licensed bartender. Getty suggested the Planning Commission refer the matter to the Ordinance Committee to set the standards for special event venues. Chairperson, Tom Kilgore, asked the ordinance committee to research a possible ordinance amendment and recommend standards for special event/wedding venues in the Township. All planning commissioners were in favor.
7. New Business:
  - A. Gymnastics in Motion: Shawna Hill requested to transfer Special Use #1 to operate Gymnastics in Motion from her mother to her. Ms. Hill commented she is buying her mother's business and is requesting the transfer of use from her mother Cathy Fairchild to her. Linda Gasper made the motion to allow the transfer. Sandra Rairigh supported the motion. All commissioners were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
  - B. Yearly Mining Expectations-SU#115-Janose/Oetman Excavating: Getty commented the inspection was mostly in compliance. There were some times that need

attention. The steepness on the north slope. Getty will contact the property owner and operator in order to bring the mining operation into compliance with their permit conditions.

8. Unfinished Business:

Nathan Mehmed, of Williams and Works, led the conversation about Master Plan proposed edits (Chapters 6, 8, & 9) The commissioners made several comments which Mehmed will incorporate in the Master Plan revisions.

9. Committee Reports: Review the standards for dimensional variances.

10. **Administrator's Report:** There were no questions on the zoning report

11. **Commissioner Comments:** None.

12. **Adjournment: MOTION** by Kilgore, support by Hansson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.

13. Chairperson Kilgore adjourned the meeting.

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*Sandra Rairigh, Secretary*

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*Sherry L. Ronning, Recording Secretary*

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