

# THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP <br> PLANNING COMMISSION <br> Meeting Agenda <br> Monday, July 24, 2023 <br> 7:00 P.M. 

1. Call to Order (7:00 P.M.)
2. Approval of agenda: [changes/approva/]
3. Approval of Minutes
a. May 22, 2023
4. Citizen Comments:
5. Public Hearings:
a. None
6. New Business:
a. Letter from Ryan Granger wishing to discontinue the Special Land Use currently at 2344 N. M-37, Middleville.
b. Special Land Use from Peace Church regarding building expansion, increased parking and converting house they purchased into office area.
7. Unfinished Business:
a.
8. Committee Reports:
a. Ordinance Committee - Outdoor wood burner - proposed zoning amendment
9. Administrator's Report:
a. Zoning Ordinance Audit
b. Zoning Report
c. Code Enforcement Report
10. Commissioner Comments:
11. Adjournment

# THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION 

Regular Meeting, May 22, 2023.

1. Call to Order:
a. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Kilgore at 7:00 PM at Thornapple Township located at 200 E. Main St. Middleville, MI 49333.
b. Present: Elaine Denton, Bryan Finkbeiner, Linda Gasper, Tom Kilgore, Sandra Rairigh, and Craig Wandrie. Also Present: Phil Gensterblum, Aly Piotrowski, Eric Schaefer, Brian Butler, Jennifer Carey, Katie \& Tom Irons, Phil \& Cindy Strickland. Elizabeth Hansson was absent.
2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rairigh, SUPPORT by Gasper to approve the agenda as printed. MOTION CARRIED with 6 yes voice votes.
3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Gasper, SUPPORT by Rairigh to approve the March 27, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED with 6 yes voice votes.
4. Citizen Comments: Phil Strickland asked if this is the first meeting to be had regarding Eagleview Ct. Kilgore advised that will be the next item. Tom \& Katie Irons requested the Planning Commission review the ordinance regarding accessory buildings, specifically the size of attached garages to allow for them to build a larger garage. Brian Butler also requested the ordinance regarding accessory buildings be reviewed and amended to allow for a larger build. Kilgore explained that he will bring this to the attention of the Ordinance Committee for their review.
5. New Business:
a. Special Use \#160/ Site Plan\#128-3450 Eagleview Ct Ground-Mounted Solar
i. Applicant Presentation - Jennifer Carey stated that she would like to install a 821 SQ ft ground mounted solar system, but the normal SQ ft of the unit must be below 600 SQ ft and therefore requests a Special Use Permit. Carey advised that large shrubs have been planted that will eventually block the neighbors' views of the system.
ii. Staff and Site Plan Committee Review - Kilgore asked for clarification regarding the map and location of the build. Carey confirmed it is behind the white barn.
iii. Public Hearing

1. OPEN: $7: 10 \mathrm{pm}$
2. CLOSED: 7:12 pm

Public Comments - Phil and Cindy Strickland stated they live next door, and questions how this will affect property values in the future, but after hearing that Carey has added landscaping that will block the view, he is content.
iv. Commission Questions and Deliberation: Rairigh asked if the reason for the Special Use Permit is only due to a matter of some 200 SQ ft. Gensterblum
confirmed that anything over the normal limit of 600 SQ ft must be approved by the Planning Commission and this project is 821 SQ ft . Gensterblum added that all other requirements are met.
v. Public comment continues - Strickland asked if this is regarding the SQ ft of the easements. Kilgore advised this is for the SQ ft of the solar array - anything over 600 ft must be presented to the Planning Commission. Strickland asked what the proposed height of the system will be. Kilgore advised, 12 ft 8in from the top to ground. Gensterblum stated the panels are 6 ft 2 in tall, and will be double stacked at angle, panel height together is 10 ft 8 in . Strickland asks if there is anything else he should know regarding the solar system. Carey stated the research she has conducted shows this will add to property value. Gensterblum advised this is the third solar system he had approved since starting with the township.

MOTION by Finkbeiner, SUPPORT by Rairigh to approve Special Use \#160/ Site Plan\#128 3450 Eagleview Ct Ground-Mounted Solar

Roll Call Vote: Finkbeiner- Yes, Denton- Yes, Gasper- Yes, Hansson- Absent, Kilgore- Yes, Rairigh-Yes, Wandrie- Yes. MOTION CARRIED with 6 votes and 1 absent.
6. Unfinished Business: None.
7. Committee Reports: None.
8. Administrator's Report:
a. Zoning Audit - None.
b. Code Enforcement Report - Included in packet. Denton asked if there is an update regarding the trash on Loop Road. Gensterblum stated that he has previously been out to the property, and there is no current update. Gasper requested current active cases be included on future reports. Gensterblum advised of the current active cases.
9. Adjournment:

MOTION by Gasper, SUPPORT by Denton to adjourn at 7: 22 PM MOTION CARRIED with 6 yes voice votes.

Sandra Rairigh, Secretary

Aly Piotrowski, Recording Secretary
Approved $\qquad$

June 26, 2023
To : Thornapple Township Planning Commission 200 Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333

Re: Special Land Use for Mining

## CC: Phil Gensterblum, Zoning Administrator

Dear Thornapple Township Planning Commission,

The land located at 2344 N. M-37 Hwy, parcel number 14-035-022-00 was purchased last year by Gary Granger. During the transfer, it was advised to pursue the transfer of the Special Land Use Mining permit to the new owner.

However, the intended use is not to continue as a mining operation, but for a personal recreational property for Mr. Granger and his family.

Rather than transfer the special land use, it is the desire of Mr. Granger to cancel the special land use permit for a mining operation. Although it may be pursued in the future to recommence the mining operation, it would be unlikely under the current plan.

The terms and conditions of the special land use have been maintained since the transfer into Mr. Granger's name as mining operations have not continued.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.


# APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE 

Thornapple Township, 200 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333
Phone: 269-795-7202 Fax: 269-795-8812
Case \# SU-
Hearing Date 1,262023

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address:
Parcel ID Number:
6950 Cherry Valley Road (Church) 6970 Cherry Valley Road (House)

Parcel Size Frontage.1,230/243 feet Depth: Varies feet Area:16.0/1.5 ac. [Acres or square feet]
Master Plan Future Land Use Map Designation for Parcel: $\qquad$
Current Use of Property [Describe] Peace Church (002-00) \& House (002-10)
Describe Proposed Special Land Use: Peace Church with proposed building and parking expansion. House will be used for Church offices \& Storage purposes.

Section of Zoning Ordinance Allowing Special Land Use: Art IV Sec. 4.3(e)
***Provide a land survey and/or legal description of the subject property on a page attached to this petition***

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

## 1. Applicant

Identify the person or entity making this petition:

| Name: Jon Delger |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mailing Address:6950 Cherry Valley Road |  |
| City Middleville State Ml | Zip 49333 |
| E-Mail | jon.delge |

## 2. Applicant Interest

The applicant must have a legal interest in the subject property, please check one below:
$\checkmark$ Property Owner __ Purchase by Land Contract __ Option to Purchase__ Purchase Agreement ___ Lessee over 1 year

## 3. Property Owner $\quad \checkmark$ Check here if applicant is also property owner

Identify person or entity that owns the subject property:

| Mailing Address: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| City | State__ Zip |
| E-Mail |  |

## Application of Special Use - Continued

## 4. Authorized Agent

Identify person or entity representing the property owner or applicant in this petition:
Name: Dan Nos Construction Attn: Jameson DeBlaay
Mailing Address: 6160 E. Fulton; PO Box 189

CityAda, State MI $^{\text {Mid } 49301}$

| Cell Phone | $616) 862-9962$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Telephone | $(616) 676-9169$ |  |
| Fax | $616) 676-2435$ |  |

E-Mail
jamesond@danvos.com

## REQUIRED PETITION - WRITTEN ATTACHMENTS

$\checkmark$ Provide narrative to explain need for the proposed Special Land Use
$\checkmark \quad$ Provide narrative addressing Section 19.3(1)-(10) criteria.
$\checkmark$ Site Plan, if required

## REQUEST \& AFFIDAVIT

The applicant must read the following statement carefully and sign below:
The undersigned requests Thornapple Township review this petition and companion documents as provided in the zoning ordinance now in effect. The applicant further affirms and acknowledges the following:
$\checkmark$ That the petitioner has a legal interest in the property described in this petition, and
$\checkmark$ The answers and statements contained in this petition and attachment are in all respects true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and
$\checkmark$ The petitioner offers the conditions set forth herein on its own volition and completely voluntary.
$\checkmark$ The approval of this petition does not relieve the undersigned from compliance with all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or other applicable codes and ordinances and does not constitute granting of a variance, and
$\checkmark$ The undersigned hereby grants Thornapple Township staff and Planning Commission member the right to access the subject property for the sole purpose of evaluating this petition.

## Applicant Signature



Date
6/22/23

Date

If the petitioner is not the property owner, the property owner must sign below:

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Fee \$ $\qquad$ Fee Paid by $\qquad$ Cash $\qquad$ Check Receipt \# $\qquad$ Received by


200 E. MAIN STREET MIDDLEVILLE, MI 49333

## Cashier: LBOUCHARD Received Of: PEACE CHURCH

(269) 795-7202

TREASURER@THORNAPPLE-TWP.ORG WWW.THORNAPPLE-TWP.ORG

The sum of: $\quad \mathbf{5 0 0 . 0 0}$


June 26, 2023
Phil Gensterblum, Zoning Adminstrator
Thornapple Township
200 E. Main Street
Middleville, MI 49333
Re: Peace Church - Building Expansion
Special Land Use \& Site Plan Approval
Dear Phil,
Enclosed for your review are the following items:

1. $\$ 500$ check (Special Land Use \& Site plan fee)
2. Site plan (sheets 1-5)-4 copies
3. Architectural plans (Sheet $1-2$ ) -4 copies
4. Lighting plan - 4 copies
5. Landscape plan - 4 copies
6. Special Land Use application

Please process this submittal for Special Land Use review and public hearing on July 24, 2024.
If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.


Todd Stuive, P.E.

## Peace Church Narrative

Peace Church is located at 6950 Cherry Valley Road and has been a part of the Community since 1968.

The church has been experiencing significant growth and is seeking approval for a 1,200 seat sanctuary addition and expansion of the parking lot to 720 spaces.

The church property is located is an AR zone which allows for churches as a special land use.
The former parsonage property north of the site has been purchased by the church and will be incorporated for additional office space and parking.

The primary purpose for this expansion is to reduce the number of Sunday morning services, provide ample parking onsite for the services, and provide church members with a safe and enjoyable worship experience.

## Section 19.3 criteria

1. The site design has been to be harmonious with the character of the adjacent properties.
2. Peace Church has been at this location for 55 years and this expansion will not change the essential character of the surrounding areas.
3. This expansion will provide adequate on-site parking for the Sunday morning services which is the primary peak use of the facility. Multiple driveways provide safe access to the facility.
4. Multiple storm water basins are proposed to provide storm water management for all runoff from the property. Improvements to the entry drives are proposed to maximize traffic safety for ingress and egress. Existing well and drainfield systems are in place and adequate to service the facility.
5. There are no anticipated adverse effects on public safety and emergency services.
6. No significant natural resources or natural features exist on the property.
7. Improvements to the entry drives are proposed which will maximize vehicular safety onsite walks are provided to collect and protect pedestrians within the site.
8. Peak Church operation occurs weekly on Sunday mornings and occasional special events and holidays. These peak times coincide with typical low volumes of traffic and surrounding uses.
9. This special use is not anticipated to place demands on public services in excess of current capabilities.
10. This special land use is in agreement with the master plan.

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## THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP

## PLANNING COMMISSION

ENCLOSED IS A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR

## July 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

In the Township Hall, 200 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333

Pursuant with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 110 PA 2006, all property owners and occupants of structures within 500 feet of the property in question shall be sent notice of a hearing by mail. You will be given opportunity to speak to the Planning Commission concerning your views on this application, or you may transmit your written comments to:

Planning Commission
Attn: Secretary
Thornapple Township
200 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 459
Middleville, MI 49333

## THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP

## AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Zoning Administrator, Thornapple Township, attests that the attached list of property owners were duly informed by first class mail on this date: $75(2023$ concerning the Public Hearing on $7(24) 2022$


Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{12}{2023}$ day of 14

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:
Attachments:

Amy Brown
Wednesday, July 5, 2023 12:52 PM
Dani Echtinaw
Amy Brown; Phil Gensterblum; Cindy Ordway
Public Notice - Planning Commission Thornapple Township
Public Hearing Notices.doc

Hi Dani,
Could you please publish this notice in the next publication? Also, could you please reply to confirm receipt?
Thank you!
Regards,
Amy Brown
Deputy Clerk
Thornapple Township
200 E. Main St Middleville, MI 49333
269.795.7202


From: Phil Gensterblum [PGensterblum@thornapple-twp.org](mailto:PGensterblum@thornapple-twp.org)
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Amy Brown [abrown@thornapple-twp.org](mailto:abrown@thornapple-twp.org)
Subject: Paper ad
Thank you again!
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