

**Allegan Township
Planning Commission Minutes
January 14, 2019**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Heckman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
 - B. Those present were Ted Heckman, Jim Connell, Mike Buese, Keith Behm, Chad Kruithoff, Jeremy Dutkiewicz. Marty Ruiter was absent. Supervisor Schulz and Clerk, Linda Evans, Tom Miedema and Dan Kerkstra were also present.

- II. Clerk, Linda Evans Swearing in the Re-Appointments:
 - A. Mike Buese, Marty Ruiter, Keith Behm, Chad Kruithoff
 - B. Clerk Evans swore in Buese, Behm and Kruithoff. Ruiter was absent so she will swear him in at the next regular Planning Commission Meeting.

- III. Election of Officers
 - A. Connell made motion to leave Chair Heckman and Vice Chair Behm for this year, Second by Buese. Motion passed following roll call. Chair Heckman asked Secretary Rushmore if she would stay on she agreed.

- IV. Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2018 Meeting.
 - A. Behm made motion to approve the minutes – Second by Kruithoff. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. Amendment of LR District Zoning Ordinance Tabled from November 12, 2018 meeting.
 - A. Supervisor Schulz stated it would reduce the amount of variances on the lakes. There are a number of private roads on Miner Lake some are 20 ft. & some 30 ft. and a few 66 ft. of Road Right-of-Way. The 20 ft. wide would maintain 12 feet of Road Right-of-Way – the 30 ft. wide would also maintain 12 feet of Road Right-of-Way. The 66 ft. wide would be exempt from the 12 feet offset.
 - B. Schulz also read the Ordinance as it is written now.
 - C. There were no comments from the audience or Board members.

- VI. Site Plan Public Hearing Submitted by Tom Miedema & Dan Kerkstra
 - A. It was stated by owners that they were wanting to open 33rd Street back up to use for home owners. It was stated by the Board members that 33rd Street was never a street all the way through.
 - B. Heckman asked what their intentions were for the property? With the owners answering, they really didn't have a plan as they wanted some in-put.

- C. Heckman stated that if you build a public road they need to get in touch with the County Road Commission.
- D. A gentleman in the audience had a concern for the logging trucks running on Sherman Street that it was ruining the road. Schulz stated he hadn't noticed any damage to the road just mud. Schulz stated they need to talk with the City of Allegan since they live in the City as the Township doesn't have a say on City roads. It was also stated that the logging truck leaves early morning and late evening.
- E. It was stated "If the owners don't have a plan why the urgency to clear cut the property?" Miedema stated they needed to open the property up so people can see the lot.
- F. The people that live on 715 Academy just bought the property in November and they have found out that the Miedema property line was going thru their driveway. Heckman stated that if it isn't in the deed you can't have it.
- G. The audience spoke many times about the burning of brush early in the morning and late at night and do the workers get a burn permit and also the smoke? Miedema stated that they call in every day for a burn permit.
- H. More discussion followed.
- I. Chair Heckman stated "that he doesn't feel there is enough information to make a decision on anything."
- J. Schulz also stated more investigation into roads is needed.
- K. Heckman stated they need more on road extension and he wants more on paper, can't go along with what they have shown us in relation to other properties. Need more than aerial picture with black markers used to mark the lots.
- L. Schulz stated he would call the Fire Chief about hours of burning.

VII. New Business

- A. Board Members discussed whether to opt out of marijuana facilities or to allow. Discussion ending in staying with our original position to opt out at the present time at least until rules and regulations have been established by the State.
- B. Heckman made motion to opt out at the present supported by Connell. Motion passed with aye vote.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn by Buese supported by Kruithoff. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.