

Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2024

Present: Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, James Ostby, Bill Spunar

Absent: none

Guests: Supervisor Harmon, ZA/OEO John Moran, Ann Harmon, Cindy McCuiston

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge

Business:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7th made by Ostby, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Two issues were brought to the PC's attention, pole barns and travel trailers. In regards to pole barns, John Moran mentioned that he did talk to Fire Chief O'Dell and a max height of 35' needs to be added to the zoning ordinance. As a matter of structure and safety (of what our fire department can reach) 35' needs to be documented. In regards to travel trailers being stored long term and stationary, we need to add a few parameters to the ZO. There will need to be water, electricity, sewage and other requirements; a minimum of 250 square feet was mentioned to be considered a tiny home in the state of MI. More research needs to be done and a section added to the ZO.

Discussion:

We continued on with our reading and discussion of Article 3 starting with section 3.31 – Outdoor Lighting. It was decided to keep this section the same.

Section 3.32 – Outdoor Advertising Signs will need some work. Fix typo in A5. Either strike A8 and A10 or remove the 4 square feet size maximum. We talked about political signs and free speech. It was decided that size restrictions were unnecessary so long as safety requirements were met as to placement, line of sight, flow of traffic, etc.

We decided to leave section 3.33 – Billboards as there are specific items mentioned in regards to the Highway Advertising Act.

Section 3.34 – Telecommunications Towers and Alternative Tower Structures will also stay the same.

We ended the session with section 3.35 – Pets and Livestock. We discussed a 5 acre requirement for farm animals and will need to ask the lawyer.

Public Comment: We allowed input throughout our discussions, no further public comments.

Motion to adjourn made by Sanderson, seconded by Ostby, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Adjournment: 8:04 PM

Next Meeting: May 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center