

Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024

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

Absent: Steve Sanderson

Guests: Clerk Rita Sands, ZA John Moran, Craig Ostby

Call to Order: 6:08 PM

Pledge

Zoning Administrator John Moran brought an issue to the Planning Commission's attention regarding property on 2644 W. Clouse Road. It was discussed at length and will be a consideration for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 6, 2024 made by Spunar, seconded by Ostby, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Discussion:

We continued our review of the Zoning Ordinance starting with Article 5: District Regulations, section 5.3 – (C) Commercial District.

Section 5.3, Part B. Permitted Uses, we will pull out Bars and Taverns from #5 (Restaurant not including drive-thru). They'll get their own number and Clubs will be added to it.

Section 5.3, Part C. generated a question for the lawyer. What are state regulations in regards to sexually oriented businesses and can we prohibit them?

Section 5.3, Part G, we will need to fix the reference to Section 3.21 regarding fences. Question for the lawyer: What's the reasoning behind no front fences in the commercial district? We may revisit this section (5.3, part G, number 1) for better wording and clarification.

Section 5.4 – (F-R) Forest-Recreational District, Part E. remove the word "unenclosed" from #5 in regards to porches.

Section 5.4, Part F. Rectify reference to section 3.21. For #1, Question for the lawyer: Why is it no more than 4 feet? Can we make it 8 feet for front yard fences in Forest-Recreational district? For #2, remove last sentence and add "or chain link" after "or similar material." Fix typo in #3 by removing "the than."

Section 5.5 – (RC) Resource Conservation District, Part E., #5 remove "unenclosed" in front of "porches."

Section 5.5, Part F., we will need to fix the reference to Section 3.21 regarding fences. For #2, remove last sentence and add "or chain link" after "or similar material."

Section 5.6 – (PUD) Planned Unit Development District and Section 5.7 – Schedule of Regulations will be kept the same. We'll start with Article 6 for the next meeting.

Public Comment: None. We have been allowing the guest to participate in the discussion within reason.

Motion to adjourn by Mullins, seconded by Spunar, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center