

Planning Commission Meeting March 12, 2013

Meet was called to order at 7:05pm.

Present: Lori, Tadd, Mark, Mike, Chuck, and Kirk our ZBA

The minutes from the January 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them as presented. MSC

Our first order of business was to consider the request by Jason Arnsman to have a site plan review to add a vehicle dealership on their property along 13th Street.

Fact finding: Jason submitted a layout of the proposed lot. See attached report from P.C.I.

Jason shared his plans for the dealership; he doesn't intend to have any signs at this time, noted on the report from PCI. There are also no plans for additional lighting. He sees the potential for up to 9 cars to be parked along the East fence along 13th street. The hours of operation would be during normal business hours of Arnsman Equipment. Some concern was raised in regard to having large equipment in the same area as the vehicles for the safety of children, if the lot is open to the public.

A motion was made to approve Jason's request provided they install some form of a privacy fence/barrier to hide the equipment storage and provide a safety barrier and they will work on providing handicap parking. MSC

Unfinished business:

Home occupation and Munni code update: Kirk commented on the home occupation ordinance that we passed and submitted to the township for approval. He found no obvious problems and felt that ours was similar to other townships in the surrounding area. There may be possible issues with Section E as it relates to "unlisted uses".

A motion to resubmit the Home Occupation Ordinance after replacing some of the numbering and have Kirk notice for public meeting on April 23, 2013. MSC

Public Comment:

Karen Fifeleski voiced some of her concerns with fracking. She provided handouts detailing the process and some of the concerns surrounding the processes involved with fracking. She also recommended using a moratorium on fracking as a way to begin the process of controlling how it could be done in our township. She invited us to a meeting being held at the Allegan Township Hall on Monday, March 18.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30pm. MSC

Respectfully submitted Mike Timmer