

# SULLIVAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 12, 2019

1. **THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:45 P.M.** by Chairman Anton.

2. **ROLL CALL:**     **Members Present:** Tom Anton, Sue Buckner, John Carr, Glenn Gustafson, Eloise Jarka, Tom Jasick, Jim Kotecki  
                          **Members Absent:** None  
                          **Guests:**           1 Fairground Board member, County DPW Director Farrar, 1 County Commissioner

3. **MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 12, 2019, MEETING:** Minutes from the meeting of February 12, 2019, were presented by Chairman Anton. Glenn Gustafson offered a motion to accept the minutes as presented; the motion was supported by Jim Kotecki and approved by all Planning Commission members.

4. **AGENDA:**           **Fairgrounds Annual Report**  
                          **Black Water Farms Issues**  
                          **Parks & Recreation Plan Grant Issues**

**Fairgrounds Annual Report:** Improvements to the buildings and grounds made during the past year, as well as proposed events for the upcoming season, were discussed. A written report had been provided to Planning Commission members prior to the meeting and all had a chance to review them.

**Black Water Farms Issues:** The Black Water Farms organizer has indicated his belief that since the operation is registered with the Michigan DNR, it falls within the Right-to-Farm Act and does not require a special use permit. The only animals which may be housed on the property will be his own four canines and no facilities for over-night stays or selling of food will be a part of this operation.

**Parks & Recreation Plan Grant Issues:** Much time has already been invested in the first phase of the proposed park. Costs and priority items have been estimated and the individual preparing the grant application has made suggestions based on her past experience. There will be three phases to the grant, but the first phase is required to be identified when the grant is filed.

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, the Township Board will hold a public hearing to discuss the application for a grant to assist in funding the parks. The meeting will include potential funds to be expended. The date near the end of March is anticipated as the date for submission of the grant application.

5. **OTHER MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** None

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

7. **OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

- 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** None
- 9. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS:** None
- 10. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:** None
- 11. REPORT OF PROFESSIONAL PLANNER:** None
- 12. NEW BUSINESS:** None
- 13. PUBLIC HEARING DATES:** None
- 14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
- 15. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn at 6:50p.m. was made by Sue Buckner, seconded by Jim Kotecki and unanimously approved by members present.

Respectfully submitted:

Eloise Jarka, Secretary  
Sullivan Township Planning Commission