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The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on October 26, 2015 at the township hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan, 49453.

Present: Miller Cook, Rudich, Prietz, Milauckas, Rowe, Welk
Absent Excused Conklin
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion

At 7:00 pm Chairperson Rowe called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Adopt Agenda: Welk motioned to approve the agenda, Prietz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Review of September 28, 2015 meeting minutes: Rudich motioned to approve the minutes, Miller Cook seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments & Correspondence: No public comments or correspondence.

Public Hearing for Special Approved Use in the A-2 Zoning District to allow golf cart sales and service, 6335 127th Ave, PPN #0320-026-008-00 and -040: ZA Kushion stated that automobile and motor boat sales are allowed as a special use in the A-2 zoning district and he considered golf carts to fall under this classification. He stated that the business is not visible from the road; the only thing that needed to be removed was an Open flag that had been placed by the road. He also stated that the only issue might be the number of golf carts that are stored outside. Bill Wester, 6530 Clearbrook Dr, said that outside storage will not be an issue because he doesn't like leaving the golf carts out in the weather. Rudich asked what the maximum number of golf carts that would be stored outside. Wester stated that very few would be outside. Milauckas asked if adjoining property owners were sent notices of the public hearing. ZA Kushion stated that the property owners were sent notices. ZA Kushion stated that the permanent sign that is located on the property now would be permissible as it is. Welk motioned to approve the Special Use for golf cart sales and service at 6335 127th Ave. Rudich seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Rental Dwelling Committee Update: ZA Kushion reported that the rental dwelling committee meeting that was held was very productive. He also stated that the rental dwelling permit fee could possibly be increasing. Discussion regarding possible rules and regulations regarding rental dwelling units that were brought up at the committee meeting. ZA Kushion suggested submitting a story to the newspapers regarding the new fireworks ordinance. Regarding enforcement of the noise, fireworks and rental ordinances, Milauckas asked about the possible return of the constable in the township. ZA Kushion stated that there are many rental houses in the township that do not have a rental dwelling unit permit.

Fleming Oil Update: The sign has been taken down. The cement barricades that are now being stored on the property will be allowed to stay until May 2017. Discussion regarding the piles of sand

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and gravel that remain on the property.

Industrial Zoning District Discussion: Discussion regarding the lack of interest from property owners to change part of the industrial zoning district to another type of zoning district. ZA Kushion suggested making a campground a special use in the industrial district.

Township Board Updates and Planning Commission Comments: Rudich stated that the township board approved distribution of the Tri Community Master Plan to the surrounding communities. Rudich motioned that the Planning Commission approve the distribution of the Tri Community Master Plan to surrounding communities. Prietz seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Milauckas asked that the Planning Commission Comments be a separate agenda item. He also asked that the Tri Community Master Plan be an ongoing agenda item.

Next Planning Commission Meeting: The next Planning Commission meeting will be on November 23, 2015.

Adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Janna Rudich, Recording Secretary

1. Motion to approve the October 26, 2015 agenda. Welk motioned, Prietz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. Rudich motioned, Miller Cook seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion to approve the Special Use of golf cart sales and service at 6335 127th Ave. Welk motioned, Rudich seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion to approve the distribution of the Tri Community Master Plan to surrounding communities. Rudich motioned, Prietz seconded. Motion approved unanimously.