

**Burtchville Township
Planning Commission**

**4000 Burtch Road
Lakeport, Michigan 48059**

Minutes of March 7, 2023 Planning Commission Special Meeting;

The Chair Dave Klinesteker, called the meeting of the Burtchville Township Planning Commission to order at 7:04 pm.; Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Members Present: Klinesteker, Light, Minnie, Richards, and Vargo.

Excused: Schmitt and Wollenweber

Citizens present: Pam Patterson, Zoning Administrator

Minutes: Motion by **Light** second by **Minnie** to approve minutes of February 7, 2023. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

New Business:

1. Ordinance regarding Nuisances: Chairman gave background information of problem on Norman Road regarding noise. Board directed couple to Zoning Administrator. This is latest of problems/complaints that have gone to the Township Board. A sample ordinance was prepared by Zoning Administrator based on ordinances used in other areas. Would need to be misdemeanor that Sheriff Department or State Police could act on. General discussion and concern of complaints as harassment of neighbors. Oakland County Sheriff department enforces ordinance. Would be misdemeanor ticket up to \$500.00 and/or up to 90 days in jail. Noise ordinances usually have a time limit, the proposed ordinance does not. Discussion of possible enforcement. Numerous members in favor of putting an ordinance in place. Decision to pursue at next meeting with input from other members and do more research. Can search any locality and type in "muni-code" and it will take to municipal codes. Discussion about abatement and township cleaning up problem and putting cost on taxes of property.
2. Editing Ordinance regarding paving of commercial driveways: Background of matter is special request coming in for mini-storage request which has been turned down. Going before ZBA – question is stick hard and fast to requirement has to be paved. Consideration changing and substitute something in other than paved. State that too expensive to pave property. Intent of ordinance was to have a nice looking township. Fort Gratiot township will tell people "go up and do this in Burtchville Township they don't have any rules". ZBA may give permission for variance. From discussion not interested in editing the ordinance. Zoning administrator discussed putting edging on either side of driveway and that must be maintained in certain level. Current ordinance does not require to maintain driveways and parking lots and township will not look beautiful; have to put something in must maintain a safe passage for clientele. Mini storage sites going on in Grant Township and one on Wadhams Road. ZA going forward I can work on an ordinance but would want to include maintain. Any business should maintain the property for clientele. PR inclined to go different direction look at maintenance ordinance first have something in place rather than relaxing. Agreement by all that need to maintain. ZA believes need separate ordinance in general business and

industrial area must maintain safe passage free of breaks and cracks in concrete that larger than 2 inches that creates a hazard; also, home based businesses if having people coming to home.

Old Business:

1. Ordinance review requested by Zoning Administrator
 - a. A/R Agricultural/Residential Property – 154.055. Only change from last month is last page, section E. Letter e would also be added to other appropriate zoning codes. No rooster or other loud animal is approved. Failure to comply will result in violation of ordinance and penalties as such. Changes will go into other zoning codes. Hearing amendment will have to specify in each zoning section. Adding “e” to each of the classifications.
 - b. Something came up few weeks ago at Len’s Pool wants to do one or both of houses in short term rental but not allowed in general business or office . Only add to short term rental is add general business and office to approved zoning areas short term rental are allowed. Have to specify in GB as a permitted special land use. Just add one line general business and office to approved short term rental zoning areas.

Break at 8:40 p.m.
Resume at 8:43 p.m.

2. Solar Ordinance: we are woefully short, changing solar ordinance is something need to bring a planner or law firm to go through solar ordinance. Most solar ordinances have height restrictions. Need to look at next month.

Citizen Comments: None.

ZBA Report. No meetings since last regular meeting.

Board Liaison report: Nothing.

Correspondence: 8158 Lakeshore Road Short term rental application received today will be going forward next month once inspection is completed, publication and letters forwarded.

Next Regular Meeting: April 4, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Minnie, second by Richards to adjourn 8:50 p.m. Motion passes unanimously on voice vote.


JoAnn E. Vargo

4-4-2023
Approved