

Burr Oak Township Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, April 19th, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Members Present: Tim Hahn, Monica Smith, Mike Perry, Rick Ultz, Ken Wall

Guests: James & Elizabeth Whitehead

Call to Order--Commission Chair Tim Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Agenda—A motion was made by Rick Ultz with support by Ken Wall to accept the meeting agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report—Monica Smith presented the February 15th, 2021 Commission meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ultz with support by Mike Perry to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Old Business

The Commission members discussed a complaint from Matt Craven, 67382 Halfway Road, Burr Oak, about the new Dollar General Store's exterior parking lights (complaint made 2-15-2021). Commission Chair Tim Hahn reported that he drove out to view the lights after the 2-15-2021 meeting and his opinion was that they shouldn't affect the Cravens as the ambient light reflected north towards the Craven home is blocked by the Cravens exterior accessory buildings. The complaint was also shared with the Burr Oak Township Board Chair George Letts.

Hahn also reported that the Burr Oak Township's Zoning Board of Appeals met on March 15th, 2021 to consider a Variance Request from Mike and Julie Hostetler, 28153 Blackberry Lane, Sturgis MI. The Variance Request (i.e. setback requirements relating to a home addition) was approved and minutes from that ZBA meeting were forwarded to SAFEbuilt on March 16th.

New Business

Mike Perry shared information relating to the Burr Oak Township Board's request to Attorney Lance Thornton for an estimate of the approximate costs to draft language for marijuana Zoning Ordinances should the Township Board ever decide to change course and Opt-In and allow medical marijuana facilities to operate in Burr Oak Township.

Another topic of new business was raised by Wall relating to approval/licensing of family businesses and the number of businesses a residential property is approved to conduct. The topic was a result of the fact that a new residential business (Red-Line Detailing) is operating at 29635 Hackman Road after that same property owner was already granted a license to operate a car repair business at the same location. The car repair business relocated to the former Yoder's auto repair location (30835 Cowles Road), and that business is considered to be out of compliance with ordinances due to the number of inoperable cars on site. It was decided that the issue needs to be looked into further i.e. possible ordinance compliance issues.

Adjournment

Chairman Hahn adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Smith, Secretary
Burr Oak Township Planning Commission