

## Board Response to Jill Leslie Letter

The following statements are the responses to the note from resident Jill Leslie, she addressed the board with at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please note there was not an official meeting for the response. The supervisor and zoning administrator worked together on these and they were approved by the rest of the board before being posted to this website.

1. Per the Michigan Township Association, no published announcement was made because we did not change the use of property. Those sections along Baseline Road have been designated our neighborhood commercial district. No special use permit was necessary. The owners of said property presented plans, followed all ordinance requirements of the township, and was recommended approval by the planning commission and approved by the township board.
2. This is Ms. Leslie's opinion. The building is not out of line compared to other structures in the township. It may look out of place, but once landscaping and curb appeal are finished it will be fine.
3. Personal equipment stored in a building does not make it commercial. The township has no acknowledgement that the stored equipment is being used elsewhere other than the owner's personal property. No zoning ordinances were modified to accommodate use of said property.
4. We did ask the public to refrain from coming to meetings during Governor Whitmer's state-wide shut down. The board did meet during that time because we did not have the capability of zoom meetings. This is something we are looking into for future pandemics. During that time, we did swear in a new planning board member because he was set to leave the next day as he is in the National Guard. All meetings are open to the public except when the Governor shuts the state down for a pandemic.
5. Regarding meeting dates, all dated are posted on the board in front of the hall and on the township website. As with any meeting, dates are subject to change. When a change occurs the board at the hall and the website are updated. Sometimes emergencies happen and we must accommodate the board members so we can all meet as required.
6. We asked Ms. Leslie at the meeting for the names and or addresses she was referring to. She did not want to furnish those to the zoning administrator. So, without names or addresses it is hard to explain why something was or was not done.