

# ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

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## ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 12, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Present: Short, Chopp, Ameel, Boeck, Knight, Howard & Hunter. Also, present: Building Official Bayly and Supervisor Boulter.

Motion by Boeck. Seconded by Knight to amend agenda to remove Rezoning of 2145 Wadhams and to add discussion on Brockway Township's Ordinance for regulating use of explosive targets within the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Howard to approve the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Hunter. Motion carried unanimously.

Brief Public Comment: None

Correspondence/Communications: None

New Business:

1) Property Split 74-30-039-1012-000, Pug Road, CTP Naples Investments, LLC.

Brian Mahaffy, representative for CTP Naples Investments, LLC stated that they would like to split off submitted lot to build a house.

Property split meets all requirements within the Township.

Motion by Chopp to approve property split for 74-30-039-1012-000, Pug Road, as presented. Seconded by Boeck. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion on private kennels:

Building Official Bayly stated current ordinance does not specify private kennels, only commercial. Because it does not apply to private kennels currently, there is not an enforceable limit on how many dogs are allowable for private kennels. He would like a definition of private kennels added to Ordinance to address the issue.

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Bayly read *section 5.4.15* of the zoning ordinance that states the following: *Public, Private or Commercial Stables, Kennels and Veterinary Clinics. Public, private or commercial stables containing three (3) or more horses; kennels and veterinary clinics are allowed as special approval uses in the Rural (RU) District provided.* He explained further that when you go to definition it strictly says commercial kennel, nothing about private owner. Currently the Township does not have an enforceable ordinance for number of dogs allowed in a private setting. By adding private to the current definition, it would resolve this issue.

Discussion ensued among members regarding number of dogs to allow and whether to include land size. Also questioned if number of cats should be included with total allowed. Bayly said he would check with surrounding communities on how their ordinances are set up and bring back the information at a future meeting. Subject tabled.

### 3) Brockway Township Ordinance discussion:

Short stated he had attended a Brockway Township meeting in regards to detonations of explosives. He handed out copies of their proposed ordinance for discussion.

Supervisor Boulrier stated he had discussed Brockway's proposed ordinance with Code Enforcement Officer Patterson. He asked the Planning Commission to use due diligence with moving forward on this to be sure it would be enforceable if it went to Court.

Brian Mahaffy stated he spoke to the Brockway Township's Supervisor William McMurtrie regarding detonations of explosives during Mahaffy's time as St Clair Township's Supervisor.

Lengthy discussion ensued about what potentially would be enforceable based on what had been investigated previously by the Township.

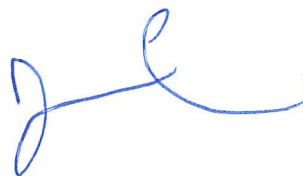
Short asked to table the discussion until more information was obtained from Supervisor McMurtrie. Discussion tabled.

Old Business: None

Call from the Floor: None

### Reports

Township Board: None.  
BZA: None



Call from the table: None

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Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Chopp  
Secretary

