

Planning Commission
February 7, 2017 - 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Bell opened meeting with pledge at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Bell, Selinski, Delahanty and Mollard (Evans absent)
Others Present: Zoning Administrator Ryan Veeder, Jim Clark and Greg Scott

Motion by Delahanty, second by Selinski to approve minutes of December 6, 2016 meeting with one amendment – change Scott Bell’s name to reflect his last name to be consistent with other board members. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Jim Clark, representing Ogemaw Hills Sportsmen Association, presented a Proposal for an Archery Park at the Ogemaw Hills Recreation Complex located at M55 and Dam Road in West Branch Township. Their objective is to provide a recreational/sporting/educational archery range. Estimated cost would be \$101,515.00 utilizing a Grant from the DNR. Clark inquired about a Special Use Permit.

Discussion by the board on how to proceed since the area is zoned as Industrial. It fits within the location as many recreation indoor and outdoor sporting complexes already exist in this area. Since the organization is nonprofit the permit fee will be waived but they must pay the total cost of publication.

Motion by Delahanty, second by Selinski to amend Section 5.11.2 Conditional Uses; remove the word “industrial” from the second paragraph to read: Any use not specifically listed above may be submitted for a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 8 of this Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Issues were discussed at a location north of the City of West Branch on Dow Road. After much discussion the board will look into how to proceed and address it at the next meeting under Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business:

Delahanty inquired if the Township Board approved an increase in Per Diem. Veeder stated they have not, but he will be providing information to the Township Board at a later date.

Veeder stated he inquired of Attorney Fahey concerning Sign Ordinance.

Committee Reports:

Veeder reviewed the 2016 Zoning Permit Spreadsheet. Total of 28 Permits were issued. Discussed the ongoing updates for the New Ordinance and Planning By Laws.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Cheryl Mollard, Planning Secretary