

January 22, 2019 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Craig VanMelle

Roll Call: Members present: Harry Smith, Craig VanMelle, Tammy Taylor, Kurt Vanderscheer, Brian MacCarnty-Zoning Administrator. Roseann Wendt, Absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Kurt Vanderscheer to approve the Agenda for January 22, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Craig VanMelle to approve the minutes of November 27, 2018. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. NA

New Business

- a. NA

Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Administrator Reports

Brian MacCarnty spoke to the commission about a communication he had with members of Wildwood Shores regarding the Rental Ordinance. They are having issues within their development with short term rentals and thought that Valley Township should be involved. The commission agreed that the Rental Ordinance in place is sufficient to cover all terms of rental and no further action from the commission was necessary.

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment

Joe Conti and Keith Dawson asked to be heard regarding an issue at Turtle Cove PUD. On January 9, 2019, property owners of Lot 1 and 3 removed several mature trees from the common space designated as the park without approval. The Allegan County Environmental Health Department was called and a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Violation was issued against the Turtle Cove Association.

Mr. Conti presented this information to the commission with the request of an official letter from the Township condemning this action. Through the process of development, Mr. Conti worked with the commission to ensure he was in keeping with the Master Plan of the Township and felt this directly violated the intended use. Mr. Dawson spoke with concern about the removal of trees along Lake Allegan.

Turtle Cove Association has sought legal counsel and will seek remedy through the court system. Craig VanMelle did recall conversations regarding the keeping of 50% tree cover. Tammy Taylor agreed to review past meeting minutes to see if any of this conversation was noted. If anything is found, it will be sent to Brian McCartney to review with Lawyer Kaufman regarding writing a letter.

Adjournment:

Adjournment by acclamation at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted
Tammy Taylor, Secretary