

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Dausman with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Prayer. Commission members present: Rich Dausman, Gary Karr, Steve Van Timmeren. Commission members absent: Steve Gray and Dan VanDyke. Also present were Township Planner Brian Werschem and Clerk Maureen Carmody as Recording Secretary.
2. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
3. There were no additions to the agenda.
4. A motion was made by Van Timmeren and supported by Dausman to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 as written. Motion carried.
5. There were no public comments.
6. A Public Hearing was held to consider a request from DeWys Manufacturing to rezone a Vacant Parcel upon 8th Ave. immediately north of 15300 8th Ave., Marne MI 49435, parcel number 70-06-25-300-027 from Agricultural to Industrial. The applicant stated that the parcel is 5.94 acres in size located just north of the existing facility, and the intended use is for parking and greenspace as they are expanding the existing facility. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. Dausman asked the applicant when the parcel was purchased and whether the applicant intends to join the parcel with the adjacent parcel owned by DeWys. The applicant replied that the parcel was purchased about 3 months ago specifically to provide parking and greenspace, and that they intend to combine this parcel with the adjacent parcel owned by DeWys located at 15300 8th Ave. There were no comments from members of the public in attendance. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m. There was discussion among the Commission members regarding the request to rezone the property from AG to Industrial. Werschem informed the Commissioners that even if the parcels are combined, they could be re-divided at a later date into separate parcels that could then be used for other various Industrial purposes. Van Timmeren expressed concern regarding the impact to the surrounding AG district if this parcel were to be rezoned, and asked if a contract rezoning could be done so that the property would revert back to the AG zoning district if sold. Karr stated that a better justification would be needed for a contract rezoning, and due to the small size of the parcel and its proximity to the existing Industrial parcel owned by DeWys, he did not think that there would be a negative impact to the

surrounding AG district if the parcel were rezoned to Industrial. A motion was made by Karr and supported by Dausman to recommend to the Township Board that parcel 70-06-25-300-027, a vacant parcel located upon 8th Ave. immediately north of 15300 8th Ave., Marne, MI 49435, be rezoned from Agricultural to Industrial. After further discussion, and taking into account that members of the public in attendance voiced no objections, the motion carried.

7. There were no Commission member concerns.
8. There were no Wright Township Board communications.
9. A motion was made by Van Timmeren and supported by Karr to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody
Wright Township Clerk