

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 15, 2016, 7:30PM**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Dausman with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Prayer. Commissioners present at the meeting; Rich Dausman, Gary Karr, Denise Ruwersma, Steve Gray, and Dan VanDyke. Also present were Greg Ransford, the Wright Township Planner, and Clerk Theresa Frank as meeting recorder.  
The public present at the meeting was Kyle Wilson, Tim and Christine Stroven, Kale and Bonnie Peck, and Doug VandenBerg.
2. No parking in marked fire spaces was announced.
3. Change was made in the agenda. Commissioner VanDyke motioned, and Commissioner Ruwersma supported to change the order on the agenda. Number Seven (7) will now be number Eight (8), and number Eight (8) will be number Seven (7). Motion carried by unanimous vote.
4. Commissioner Ruwersma moved, and Commissioner Gray supported the approval of the August 9, 2016 minutes, with the condition that the parcel number for Vermeer Site Plan be added to them. Motion carried with unanimous vote.
5. No public comments for items not on the agenda.
6. At the Public Hearing, Doug VandenBerg asked for approval of his Special Use Permit Application for Lynden Sports Center, LLC. 1016 O'Malley Drive Coopersville, MI 49404, parcel number 70-06-30-100-011, for a boat storage building. Commissioner Dausman asked for any questions from the board. Karr was looking for the height of the building. It was found on the print. It is 24', the maximum is 35'. Karr also wanted to remind the applicant that signs would have to be in compliance with the Township Ordinance.  
Engineer Kyle Wilson introduced himself and said he felt that they had addressed all that was needed to complete the application. Commissioner Dausman commented that it was a very thorough application.  
Commissioner Dausman opened the public meeting at 7:42pm. The public, who had not seen the site plan, had questions and comments regarding zoning, sewer, septic, waters runoff, and more. All questions and concerns were answered with satisfaction to most by the engineer, the board, and the help of the site plan. Bonnie Peck is not convinced the project is a good Idea. Outsider her bedroom window will now be a parking lot, and she is worried the cool breeze that was there will no longer be there. She also worried that it will not be kept up. Commissioner Dausman tried to assure the public that most of their concerns, landscaping, zoning, sewer, septic, water runoff, engineering, and more, should not come into reality because the

Township's ordinances cover most of these subjects. The public present said that the best thing would be if the project turned out as well as Gull Lake Marina's did.

Commissioner Dausman closed the public meeting at 8:25pm.

Commissioner Karr motioned to approve the Special Land Use and Site Plan, with the condition that a Knox Box be placed at a spot specified by the fire chief. He also said that the applicant was in compliance with the standards in Section 1806 and 1906, of the Ordinance.

Commissioner VanDyke supported the motion, and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

7. (Previously # 8 on the agenda). Public Hearing for proposed Amendment to Section 2300 – Amendment Procedure. The language in the townships Section 2300 says, if Wright Township makes any amendment to an ordinance it has to go to the County Planning Commission for advice first. Because the county no longer reviews these, and it causes a 30-day delay to an already slow process, Township Planner, Greg Ransford recommended the language be changed to no longer require Ottawa County Planning Commission advice.  
Commissioner Dausman opened the Public Hearing at 8:44pm.  
Hearing no public comment the meeting was closed at 8:45pm.  
Commissioner Karr motioned to recommend to the Township Board the adoption of the changes to parts of Section 2300 (f), (g), (h) as apply. Commissioner Gray supported, and motion carried with unanimous vote.
8. (Previously # 7 on the agenda). Review of the 5 Year Master Plan. The new updated maps were reviewed and discussed. The Commission is satisfied with the map as drawn and the changes to text. The Commission decided to have the full Master Plan printed out and reviewed by Township Legal Counsel. This will be reviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting before continuing.
9. Under Commissioner Concerns, Commissioner Karr let the board know that at the next meeting he would have some information regarding current technology of lighting.  
Commissioner Ruwersma wanted to know if anything has been done with DeWitt Barrel, regarding the placement of waste materials on the property. Commissioner Karr assured her that things were in the works to get this resolved.  
All commissioners expressed to thank-you Denise Ruwersma for her years of insightful service on the commission.  
Commissioner Dausman passed out information for courses from Hillsdale College.
10. No Wright Township Board Communications.
11. Commissioner Karr motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm, and Commissioner Ruwersma supported, motion was carried with unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Theresa Frank Wright Township Clerk, Working as Planning Commission Recorder