

## Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2019 7:00 P.M.

9773 Mt. Hope Road

Munith, MI 49259

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

### Pledge

**Present:** Lance, Walz, Kitley, Morency, McAlister. Also present were 3 residents including Zoning Enforcement officer, John Beck.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Consent Agenda:** Kitley motioned with support from McAlister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** John Beck spoke of the possible growing of hemp which is covered by the Right to Farm Act. There was discussion of this being a productive crop. He also spoke of cleanup in the Township which is being addressed.

### Old Business:

- Walz stated that the November Parks and Rec meeting was cancelled. There was nothing new to report at this time.

### New Business:

- Morency stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing at 7:00 on November 19<sup>th</sup> to receive public comment on a Zoning Permit Application for a special land use for a group home daycare facility located at 7508 Andrys Drive, Grass Lake, MI 49240. The Planning Commission approved the special land use for the group home daycare with conditions. They also discussed the truck traffic still occurring in the township.
- Lance motioned with support from McAlister to approve the Special Land Use application for Greenshield's Child Care Group Home at 7508 Andrys Drive on Parcel #000-05-32-400-001-14 with conditions as presented: :
  1. Comply with all pertinent provisions of MCL 722.111 through 722.128 [the Child Care Organizations Act 116 of 1973 as amended];
  2. Maximum number of children in attendance at the same time is 12;
  3. Hours of operation limited to 6 am to 8 pm;
  4. Document a State Licensing for a ;Child Care Group Home for the current owner of this land parcel;
  5. Notify the Township, within 10 days) if the State Licensing status changes;
  6. Subject to review by the Township's Zoning Administration at least every two years or whenever there is a change in the status of the State License;
  7. The requirement for submission of a Site Plan is waived;
  8. Prior to final approval of this Special Land Use, submit to the Township's Zoning Administration a Plot Plan that shows consistency with the conditions of this Special Land Use Permit;

9. Waive the detailed requirements for fencing under Article 17 Landscaping and Screening in the Zoning Ordinance, however, erect and maintain a minimum 4 foot high safety fence enclosing the outdoor children's play area, in compliance with the setbacks in the Township's Zoning Ordinance;
10. Provide for two cars to pass on the front driveway to enable ingoing and outgoing drop offs to move without having to back up, and the ability to turn around to avoid having to back out of the driveway, but without the detailed requirements in the Township's Zoning Ordinance Article 16 Parking;
11. Provision for lighting of the drop off area;

and

12. Waive the detailed requirements of the Zoning Ordinance Article 15 Signs, however, limit to a single sign (for identification purposes), visible from the street that is not larger than 18 by 24 inches, and is not illuminated or containing lighted elements.  
and waiving 2 of the conditions as written with regard to the fencing.
- Lance motioned with support from McAlister to adopt Resolution 19-11-26-01 for Designating Dangerous Buildings Enforcement Officials. Roll call vote: Yes: McAlister, Walz, Kitley, Lance, Morency. No/none. Motion carried.
  - There was discussion of a millage for contracting with Jackson County Sheriff for police coverage. Cost will be investigated for amount of coverage. They do have limits as far as shifts required and number of hours. A survey may be sent out with the next tax bills in July 2020 to see if people are interested in having police again.

**Other Business That Comes Before the Board:** Walz gave a synopsis of the MTA workshop she attended on Strategic Planning. She felt the information was very informative and was maybe something we should look into as far as putting a committee in place to work on this planning for the future of our township. We need to develop a solid plan that aligns the township's resources and creates favorable outcomes. Beals spoke of the MTA Planning Commission workshop, Defining Your Township's Land Use Future that he and Bill Steere attended. He felt some of it was geared toward larger townships but that there was a great deal of useful information exchanged with other attendees at the conference.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

**The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00. The next regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Date was changed due to Christmas Eve Day falling on the normal 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday date. Minutes will be published in the Stockbridge Community News at the end of each month, on our website at [www.waterlootwpmi.com](http://www.waterlootwpmi.com) and on our Facebook page at: [waterlootownshipmichigan](https://www.facebook.com/waterlootownshipmichigan).**

Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Clerk