



DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Special meeting to address McQuestion situation

MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 31, 2016

Deerfield Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Pat Siuda at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Virginia Wood, Pat Siuda, Joe Carroll, Janet Rice, Walt Nelson and Zoning Administrator, Melissa Nelson

Absent: Chuck Hubscher

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of the Aug. 29, 2016 meeting were presented. Motion to approve made by V. Wood, sec. by W. Nelson. Vote was 5-0 to approve.

Old Business:

- 1) Variance/Special Use request for parcel at M-20 and Meridian Road. Robert McQuestion is asking for a review/interpretation of a denial of a Special Use Permit by the Deerfield Township Planning Commission to operate a business at 2502 S. Meridian Road. The matter was sent back to the ZBA by Judge Irvin for clarification.

Public Comment: Gary Shank, representative for Mr. Mc Question, presented his reasoning. Mike Hackett, attorney for Deerfield Township, presented his reasoning. Walt Nelson addressed the group to say he and the ZBA agreed that the Planning Commission made the correct decision when they acted the first time.

Motion made by V. Wood to send the matter back to the Planning Commission for their clarification – seconded by W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson also explained the ZBA’s reasoning in this action thusly: “ The Judge has asked for the Planning Commission’s reasons for their denial in more detail. They need to go through their list of criteria and give the reason for their decision on each one. The Judge needs to know, in detail, why these decisions were made, and what Ordinance they were drawn from”. Vote on the motion was 5-0.

W. Nelson called for rollcall vote:

V. Wood yes

W. Nelson yes

P. Siuda yes

J. Rice yes

J. Carroll yes

Public Comment:

Gary Gunning praised the township for their response to this situation.

Vance Johnson spoke on behalf of Mr. McQuestion.

Neither reside in the Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm by acting Chairman Siudar.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2017

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