



## DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### **Special MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2017  
Deerfield Township Hall

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Wynes at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Wynes, V. Wood, J. Cook, zoning administrator M. Nelson, C. Lynch, and D. McGuire.

**Absent:** R. Lintemuth, T. Kromer

**Organizational Meeting:**

**Election of Officers:** V. Wood proposed that Chairman Jim Wynes remain as Chair, and Roger Lintemuth become secretary. Seconded by J. Cook. The vote was 5-0 in favor of their appointment. C. Lynch will present the selection to the Twp. Board for their approval.

**Meeting Dates:** For the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017, the meeting dates will be as follows for regular meetings: May 9, July 11, Sept. 12, Nov. 14. 2018: Jan. 9, and March 13. Motion to approve the dates made by D. McGuire, sec. by V. Wood. Vote to approve was 5-0.

**Agenda Additions:** none

**Agenda Approval:** Motion to approve agenda made by V. Wood, sec. by D. McGuire. Passed 5-0

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Motion to approve Jan. 10, 2017 minutes made by J. Cook sec. by D. McGuire. Passed 5-0

**Zoning Administrators Report:**

- 1) McQuestion case: Mr. Mc Question will appeal the PC Jan. decision to the ZBA in May.

**Public Comment:** none

**New Business:**

- 1) C. Lynch provided copies of the new 5 year road plan for the Twp. to the PC. Members.
  
- 2) Special Land Use application to operate a foster care home at 1298 S. Littlefield Rd. made by Hav3ns Door B.O.D. represented by Amy Shawboose:  
Ms. Shawboose explained that if the SLU is approved, Hav3ns Door will foster up to 30 children. Ages will range from newborn to 18 years. They plan to remove the existing house and buildings, and replace it with a dormitory type building with a separate kitchen/dining facility. They plan to provide outdoor activities for the children as well as indoor. Horses and gardening will also be provided on site. They will be licensed under the I.C.W.A. (Indian Child Welfare Association) – a Federally funded organization. They will not have to go by MI state licensing procedures for foster homes because they will only foster native children and descendants. This will be the first facility of its kind, teaching religion, native language, and traditions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Bruce Faber: Will they house juvenile delinquents?
- 2) Alex Imlay: Concerned about type and size of buildings.
- 3) Nate Cole: Concerned about ages of the children and adequate supervision.

Ms. Shawboose answers:

Adult to child ratio depends on the age of the children. Average is 1 adult to 4 children.

Any troubled kids go to a separate facility.

Site Plan is unavailable at this time.

Statement made by Carol Tally – foster parent from Rosebush – no problems with the 3 native teen boys she fosters.

Motion was made by C. Lynch to table this matter because no Site Plan was presented. Seconded by D. McGuire. The matter will be addressed again at our next meeting if they can produce the required Site Plan.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. Motion made by J. Cook, seconded by C. Lynch

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.**