

ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

1575 U. S. Highway 41 W

Ishpeming, MI 49849

A regular meeting of the Ishpeming Township Board was held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call:** Mike Fraser, Vice Chair - Present; Jeff Solka, Member- Present ; Dave Bosio, Member- Present ; Kristin Thornton, Secretary- Present; Jim LaFreniere, Member -Present; Jim Kutchie, Chair- Present; Kevin Yohe, Member- Present. Also present Fred VanLuven & Jim Nankervis.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Dave Bosio Support: Kevin Yohe to approve the agenda with the addition of Letter to Travis Watters. Motion Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion: Kristin Thornton Support: Dave Bosio and passed to dispense with February 1, 2018 minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. **Public Comment:** None

5. **Public Hearing:**

a. Ryan Harper's Zoning Violation

Roll Call: Mike Fraser – Present, Jeff Solka – Present, Dave Bosio – Present, Kristin Thornton – Present, Jim LaFreniere – Present, Jim Kutchie – Present, Kevin Yohe – Present.

Legal Ad – (Exhibit A) Ad was read by Fred VanLuven.

Explanation of the procedure for the Public Hearing.

Fred VanLuven, Zoning Administrator stated that he did get an application from Mr.

Harper to build a garage showing that it would be 16' from his lot line, which it isn't.

Fred told Ryan that he had to be 33' from the middle of the street & then an additional

6' for the side setback. Fred sent a letter to Ryan in December informing him of the

zoning violation.

Mr. Harper stated that he talked to Fred & measured together & kept one stake in

ground when excavating. Ryan stated that he thought he was doing it right by going

through the correct channels & talking to Fred. Ryan said it shouldn't have gotten to this

point he believed that getting the approval or okay from Fred was all he needed.

What will he need to do to make it right?

No Interested Citizens present to ask questions.

Planning Commission felt that there needs to be a checks and balance on the process of

building applications so this does not happen again.

Motion: Dave Bosio, Support: Jeff Solka to grant a variance of a 4' set back from

Wildwood St., keeping the front of garage 2' from property line along wildwood instead

of required 6', with the requirement to have this completed by December 31, 2018.

Roll Call: Dave Bosio – Aye, Jeff Solka – Aye, Kevin Yohe – Aye, Jim LaFreniere – Aye, Jim

Kutchie – Aye. Abstained from voting Mike Fraser & Kristin Thornton. Motion Carried.

b. Dollar General Parking Lot Zoning Variance:

Roll Call: Mike Fraser – Present, Jeff Solka – Present, Dave Bosio – Present, Kristin

Thornton – Present, Jim LaFreniere – Present, Jim Kutchie – Present, Kevin Yohe –

Present.

Legal Ad – (Exhibit B) Ad was read by Fred VanLuven.

Variance Request Application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, from The Overland Group,

LLC(Dollar General Store) was reviewed & discussed by the Board.

Motion: Kevin Yohe Support: Dave Bosio to approve the requested variance of 45

parking spaces instead of 86 for Dollar General.

Roll Call: Kevin Yohe – Aye, Dave Bosio – Aye, Mike Fraser – Aye, Jim Kutchie – Aye, Jim

LaFreniere – Aye, Jeff Solka – Aye, Kristin Thornton – Aye. Motion Carried.

Public hearing adjourned.

6. **Old Business:**

a. Letter to Travis Watters (Exhibit C)

A letter was sent to Travis Watters informing him of being in violation of the Fence

Ordinance. No response from Travis.

Motion: Kevin Yohe Support Kristin Thornton to send a Certified Letter informing Travis

that he needs to comply with the ordinance or to remove the fence within 2 weeks of

receiving the Certified Letter. Motion Carried.

Officer Williams will hand deliver letter, if Travis does not comply, next step will be court.

7. **New Business:** None

8. **Board Comments:**

Mike Fraser: Wants to see some type of document that can be signed by resident who is building & the Township Zoning Administrator. Does not want to have a she said/he said issue.
Kevin Yohe: Clarify to protect both parties. This situation was not fair to anyone.
Dave Bosio: Let's make sure this is avoided in the future.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion: Kristin Thornton Support : Kevin Yohe and passed to Adjourn. All Ayes. Time: 6:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Kristin Thornton
Kristin Thornton, Secretary

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