

TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744
Planning Commission Meeting

October 10, 2023

Board Present: Brandon Blatt, Tyler Ireland, Greg Eggert, Ken Bragg, Kyle Thom and Kim Vaughan

Board Absent: RoseAnn Laskowski

Guest Present: Amy Holbrook (recording secretary), Jerry White (Zoning Administrator), Matt Blatt (Twp. Supervisor), and Jameson Thom.

Minutes:

Motion made by Bragg, seconded by Ireland to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes as presented – motion carried. Motion made by Eggert, seconded by Thom to approve the July 27, 2023, special land use meeting minutes as presented – motion carried.

Public Comments:

Jerry White (Zoning Administrator) introduced himself to the board members. He also stated that he has received a complaint on O'Brien Road about loud music and partying for several weeks and late into the night. He stated that he discussed with Matt (Twp. Supervisor) about possibly adopting a noise ordinance. After some discussion he is thinking that if we did adopt such an ordinance there would need to be some exceptions for agriculture. Eggert stated that this topic has been brought up before but there is always the question as to how it would be enforced. Jerry stated that if this becomes a problem it may be something that we need to look at but at this time he thinks we are good without a noise ordinance. Jerry also gave an update on the Brown Road blight issue and stated that it has been resolved. Bragg mentioned that he was contacted about a possible construction project on Waterman Road. A neighbor stated that they called Jerry but had not received a call back. Jerry stated that he did get their phone call and he did go out and check on the project and spoke with the builder and also informed Building Codes. He stated that he did not call the neighbor back because he lost their phone number but if someone would give him the number he would call them.

Old Business:

Air BnB – Eggert stated that if we are going to have an ordinance regarding Air BnB's he thinks it should be labeled as short-term rentals. This would make it so that if someone was going South for the winter and wanted to rent out their house this ordinance would not apply to them. Vaughan stated that the State is talking about taking over control of all rentals and having the landlords have to be registered with the State. It is still in discussion but the State is looking at passing a bill that would require anyone with five or more rentals having to be registered. It was asked if this was an issue in our township and if not then why do we need an ordinance. Blatt stated that if it becomes an issue we could look into adopting an ordinance. Thom does not think that we need an ordinance. Eggert asked the Board what their thoughts were on having an ordinance and Blatt, Tyler, Thom and Vaughan said no with Eggert and Bragg saying yes. Since the majority of the Board does not think it is necessary than the discussion ended.

Shipping Containers – Ireland stated that he thinks we should allow shipping containers to be placed on a cement slab or on crushed stone. Thom and Vaughan agreed with that. The Board decided that it would be ok to let the property owner decide if they want it on a cement slab or crushed stone. Blatt stated that the Board needs to make sure that the criteria is in the ordinance so that the Zoning Administrator has the guidelines to enforce.

New Business:

Eggert discussed where we go from here on the ordinance changes. Holbrook stated that we would need to get the changes listed showing which sections of the ordinance that they pertained to. Then we would need to hold a public hearing. After the public hearing it would then go to the Township Board for approval. Eggert stated that he would get the list together so that we could discuss it at our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy L. Holbrook, Secretary