

**WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**  
**REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 - 7:30 PM**  
**Wright Township 1565 Jackson St. Marne, MI 49435**  
**Held In Fire Station**  
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Steve VanTimmeren with a Pledge of Allegiance and a word of prayer. Present at the meeting Secretary Brad Anderson and Kenneth Zahm. Absent Commissioners: Rich Dausman and Steve Gray. Theresa Frank was present to take minutes of the meeting, and Planner Julie Lovelace from Fresh Coast Planning.
2. VanTimmeren announced no parking in the reserved Fire Department spaces.
3. Anderson motioned approval of June 2023 meeting minutes. Zahm supported; All ayes motion carried.
4. VanTimmeren addressed the large group of attendees on meeting procedures.
5. Public comments for items not on the agenda: None
6. New Business;
  - a. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-04-03 Home Occupational opened at 7:36 p.m. Commissioners discussed making a recommendation of approval to the Board. VanTimmeren asked for comments, one resident asked for a summary of the Ordinance. Lovelace summarized the ordinance for the attendees. VanTimmeren then asked if there were any more comments, hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m. Anderson motioned to send proposed Ordinance 2023-04-03 to the Board with a recommendation of approval, Zahm supported, all ayes, motion carried.
  - b. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-04-04 Farm Labor Housing opened at 7:40 p.m. Commissioners discussed making a recommendation of approval to the Board. VanTimmeren asked for comments, one resident asked for a summary of the Ordinance. Lovelace summarized the ordinance for the attendees. Mr. Dietrich commented. He wanted to thank the Commissioners for the excellent job they did with this ordinance. It will work well for farmers in Wright Township. VanTimmeren then asked if there were any more comments, hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m. Anderson motioned to send proposed ordinance 2023-04-04 to the Board with a recommendation of approval, Zahm supported, all ayes, motion carried.  
This was the end of the Public Hearing Portion of the Meeting.
  - c. Site Plan review for applicant Wolverine Building Group applying on behalf of Axis Enterprises Inc., DBA DeWys Inc. The applicant is requesting site plan review to add a new building to the northwest side of the current building at 15300 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Marne MI. This is zoned industrial. The Commissioners discussed the standards and regulations of Section 1805(a). After some discussion with Jon DeWys and Mark Schoenborn, Anderson motioned

to approve the applicant's request with the following conditions:

1. Must meet any requirements from the fire Department review.
  2. Must receive Ottawa county Water Resources Commissioner approval or produce communication that none is required.
  3. Must receive Ottawa County Health Department approval or produce communication that none is required.
- d. Preliminary site plan review with Brandon Visser regarding the 1721 State St. Development. VanTimmeren reminded the attendees at the meeting that this is a preliminary review with Mr. Visser, and he will allow comments after Mr. Visser speaks, but the comments are to be addressed only to the Commissioners, not Mr. Visser. At this time Mr. Visser went on to share his preliminary plans for the State St. property which is zoned High Density Residential. He showed a drawing of 166-unit residential multiple family buildings with more than four units per building, while discussing details with the Commissioners. This is also a Special Use request.
- e. Preliminary site plan review with Brandon Visser regarding subject properties that are zoned Low Density Single Family Residential. The aggregate parcel size is approximately 36 acres and is entered by Maple Ave. The parcels do contain a portion of Sand Creek and wetland. The applicant asked for a preliminary site plan review per Section 1803 at this time to share a concept plan. Mr. Visser showed a drawing of 63-unit single family residential condominium, open space preservation development, while discussing details with the Commissioners. In these concept drawings it is being shown with wells and not Grand Rapids city water.
- At this time VanTimmeren took comments from the attendees at the meeting. There were approximately 25 comments. Some of the chief concerns were: doubling Marne population, traffic, wild-life, access in and out of the developments, keeping Wright Township small, keeping Wright Township properties agricultural, power issues, burdens on local schools, having to widen roads, and not wanting the developments in the township. After the comments, Mr. Visser thanked the residents for their comments saying they will all be considered. He also reminded them that this is just the very beginning of the project, and that it is just a concept. There will be a public hear for a final site plan review at a later date.
- VanTimmeren thanked the residents and went on to continue the meeting.

7. Old Business: None
8. Commissioners Comments: None.
9. Wright Township Board Representative Comments: None.
10. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., and Zahm supported. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Frank, Township Clerk, and meeting recorder. *(Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office).*