

**Charter Township of Filer
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Held on February 16, 2016**

Present: Roger Dittmer, Christa Johnson, Richard Mark, Shirley Ball and Karen Kolk.

Absent: Linda Rogers and Jennifer Williams.

Also present: Lynn Kooyers, Zoning Administrator and Terry Walker, Township Supervisor

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Mark

Chairman Mark called for corrections or comments on the presented January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes. Chairman Mark accepted the minutes as presented.

Special Use Permit Application-Topolski Home Occupation

Discussion on the Special Use Permit application filed by Doug Topolski to conduct a gainful home occupation called "Top Consulting". Applicant is proposing to sell firearms by internet and telephone from his residence located at 4497 W. Fox Farm Rd. in the Medium Density Residential District of Filer Township on Parcel #51-06-421-710-13.

Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Kolk to approve the presented application with conditions.
No action taken.

The following conditions shall apply to the in-home occupation only.

No inventory of guns or ammunition to be kept on site except those ordered and awaiting delivery to a customer. Motion by Johnson to accept stated condition, seconded by Mark. All in favor. M/C.

No retail or wholesale sales of guns or ammunition from inventory shall occur. Motion by Dittmer to accept stated condition, seconded by Johnson. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Johnson to strike the above motion, seconded by Kolk. All in favor. M/C.

Firearms must be secured in a locked safe. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kolk to amend the above condition by adding the words "and ammunition". All in favor. M/C

Permitee's personal weapons shall be kept segregated at all times and locked in a safe marked "Not for Sale". Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

Limit number of firearms permitted on site at any one time to three. Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

Limit the amount of ammunition on site at any one time to 500 rounds per sale. Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

Require a copy of the Federal Firearms License to be filed with Filer Township before any business is conducted. Motion by Dittmer seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

No test firing or discharge of firearms shall be permitted on site. Motion by Dittmer seconded by Kolk to accept stated condition. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Kolk to approve the Home Occupation Special Use Permit Application filed by Douglas Topolski with the above listed conditions. All in favor. M/C

Chairman Mark requested that the Township Attorney be asked to draft a Special Use Permit for review and approval by the Commission.

Tamara Buswinka, Downtown Development Authority Director

“Stronger Economies Together” flyer was distributed explaining the purpose and benefits of the National USDA Rural Development Initiative. The meetings will be held at Crystal Mountain from 2pm – 5pm on the first Wednesday of the month for 6 months. The public is invited to attend.

The Filer Township Ad Hoc US 31 Corridor Planning Committee Design Studio session will be held at Filer Township Hall on February 18th from 2pm – 6pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

31.10.1060 Sign Regulations- Revisions

The sign committee presented their proposed revisions to Schedules “A” and “B” which are a part of Filer’s Sign Regulations. Zoning Administrator Kooyers offered her written comments on the proposed revisions. The sign committee will meet again and discuss further modification of both schedules.

Manistee County Recreation, Parks and Trail Development

The Manistee County Recreation, Parks and Trail Development Plan has been approved and will be moving on to the next stage.

Reports

Zoning Administrator Kooyers reported that the zoning office has received a Special Use Permit Application from Steve Southard proposing to construct a golf course, 3-D archery course, fruit orchard, vegetable garden and roadside produce stand on 20 acres of land he has purchased in Filer Township located at the northwest corner of US-31 and Countyline Road. The public hearing on this application has been scheduled to be held on March 15th prior to the regular Planning Commission Meeting.

Township Board meeting minutes were received.

Public Comment

None was offered at this time.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Kolk to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission

