

**Charter Township of Filer
Minutes of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Held on April 19, 2016**

Present: Richard Mark, Shirley Ball, Karen Kolk, Jennifer Williams, Linda Rogers, Roger Dittmer.

Absent: Christa Johnson.

Also present: Lynn Kooyers, Zoning Administrator, Richard Wilson, Township Attorney, Terry Walker, Township Supervisor and Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Slonecki Jr.

Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chairman Mark

Motion by Dittmer , seconded by Kolk to accept the April 19, 2016 Meeting Agenda with a correction on Item #4, changing the date to read April 19, 2016. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Dittmer, seconded by Rogers to approve the March 15, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Ball, seconded by Kolk to approve the March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. M/C

Slonecki Home Occupation Special Use Permit Application

Further discussion of the application ensued.

- Where will guns be test fired? Applicant responded that the firing action of guns will be tested at the Muzzle Loaders Club or other firing ranges.
- The Commission agreed that a Type 01 Federal Firearms License should be sufficient for this home occupation, with a condition that guns may not be assembled for resale. A specific identifiable customer is required for assembly.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rogers to approve the Home Occupation Special Use Permit application filed by Harlan Slonecki Jr. with the following conditions:

- No test firing or discharge of firearms shall be permitted on site.
- No inventory of guns or ammunition to be kept on site except those ordered and awaiting delivery to a customer.
- No retail or wholesale sales of guns or ammunition from inventory shall occur.
- Firearms must be secured in a locked safe.
- Applicant's personal weapons shall be kept segregated at all times and locked in a safe.
- Maximum of six firearms shall be permitted on site at any one time.
- A copy of the applicant's Federal Firearms License must be filed with Filer Township before any business is conducted.
- Must have an identifiable customer to assemble a firearm.

All in favor. M/C

Chairman Mark requested Township Attorney Wilson to draft a Special Use Permit document with the above conditions for Harlan Slonecki Jr. for review and approval by the Planning Commission.

31.10.1060 Sign Regulations- Revisions

Review of memo from Attorney Sarah Alden suggested adding a section regarding intent of sign regulations and updating the definition of "Off premise sign".

Sarah also commented in her memo that commercial signage can be regulated more strictly than noncommercial signage.

Chairman Mark requested Attorney Wilson to review the proposed revisions to Sign Regulations Schedules "A" and "B" that he prepared and presented at the March meeting, along with the presented "Intent of Sign Regulations" and definition of "Off premise sign" from Sarah's memo, and incorporate them into the draft sign ordinance amendments previously prepared by Sarah.

Reports

Zoning Administrator Kooyers reported that the township has recently gone to court regarding a blighted structure located on Cherry Rd. The property owner has been given 45 days to remedy the situation. She also informed the Planning Commission that a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing will be held on April 28th to hear variance requests filed by Filer Credit Union and Dan Lampen.

Supervisor Walker reported that the sewer agreement between the Township and the City of Manistee has been signed.

Planning Commission is still waiting to receive the US 31 Corridor Study Report from Wade Trim.

Please contact the township office by noon on April 25th if you would like to attend the "Sign Regulation in Manistee County" seminar to be held in Manistee at City Hall on May 18th.

Township Board meeting minutes were received.

Public Comment

None was offered at this time.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rogers to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission

