

**Charter Township of Filer
Minutes of the Planning Commission Public Hearing
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.

Hearing called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chairman Mark.

Harlan Slonecki Jr.-Home Occupation Special Use Permit Application

Zoning Administrator Kooyers stated that the purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on the Special Use Permit Application filed by Harlan Slonecki Jr. to conduct a gainful home occupation called "HS Precision Riflesmithing" in the High Density Residential District of Filer Township. The applicant is proposing to customize, refinish and repair firearms from his residence located at 1309 24th St., Parcel #51-06-018-352-03, Filer Township, Manistee County, Michigan.

Zoning Administrator Kooyers reviewed the main points of the application:

- Applicant will receive customers by appointment only. Anticipated hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 3pm – 9pm, and Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm.
- Services offered will include rebarrelling, scope mounting, chambering, action bedding and bolt action.
- Applicant will order the parts needed for customizing firearms. He may also order guns for customers, which will require him to perform background checks and transfers.
- Applicant anticipates approximately 1- 2 customers per week will visit his home to pick up their order.
- Applicant has space in his driveway to accommodate off street parking for 2 cars.
- Guns will be customized in a 12' X 12' shop located inside of the applicant's garage. The shop will be kept locked, and the garage will also be locked.
- Applicant will be applying for a Type 1 Federal Firearms License. If this SUP application is approved, no business may be conducted at this location until a copy of this license has been filed with Filer Township.
- Applicant plans to buy a gun safe and security cameras after receiving approval for FFL 01, if his Home Occupation Special Use Permit is granted.
- Applicant states that no test firing of firearms will take place on site.
- **31.10.1080 Home Occupations-** Applicant would be allowed to display one 4 sq. ft. sign according to township ordinance, if desired. A sign permit application would have to be filed with the zoning office in order to display a sign.
- Filer Township has approved 4 firearms related home occupation in the past, which are currently still active.

Chairman Mark asked if any written or verbal comments had been received on this application. Zoning Administrator Kooyers reported that none were received.

Mr. Slonecki introduced himself and spoke about his application.

- Mr. Slonecki stated that he intends to apply for a Type 01 Federal Firearms License.
- He does not feel it will be necessary to obtain a Type 07 Federal Firearms License for his activities, and he does not wish to pay the Type 07 License fee, which is quite expensive.
- Customers may purchase parts and bring them along with their firearms to him for assembly and adjustment.
- He will also order guns, parts and perform background checks and transfers.
- All guns will be kept locked up. He intends to purchase a safe when he begins to having customers.
- Mr. Slonecki stated that receiving 1-2 customers per/week is very optimistic. He feels the traffic in his neighborhood will not change by any noticeable amount.

Public Comment

Chairman Mark called for public comment. None was given.

More discussion regarding the applicable class of Federal Firearms License will be required.

Motion by Rogers, seconded by Williams to close the Public Hearing. All in favor. M/C

Hearing adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Dittmer, Secretary
Charter Township of Filer Planning Commission