

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
9700 RILEY ROAD, INTERLOCHEN, MI  
April 25, 2022  
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Schworm at 6:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLGIANCE: Was recited by all.
3. ROLL CALL: Board members present were: McDonald, Schworm, Schuster, Dean and Volkening. Also present was Alycia Reiten, Planning and Zoning Director.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Schuster and supported by Volkening to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by McDonald and supported by Dean to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022, as amended under conflict of interest from property owner to *“business owner that rents and shares an office with the realtor involved in pushing the change”*. Carried 5-0.
6. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: None
7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
8. CORRESPONDENCE: None
9. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. SEP 22-001 – A request for approval of a Special Event Permit for TNT Fireworks at 2022 Old Grande Ave, Interlochen, MI.

The applicant, Bryan Lopac, was in attendance. The application asked for a Special Event Permit and associated signs at the regular location on Old Grande Ave. The applicant said it’s the same location with the same signage as always. Chair asked staff for any comments. Staff said application same as always and the PC report shows signage to be discussed. Chair asked for process to amend sign ordinance. Staff outlined process. Mr. Volkening asked applicant if tent proposed is exact same as indicated in submitted drawings. Applicant said yes. He said it has been the same for years before him.

Mr. Dean stated business owners displeased with sign limits to properties.

*Motion by McDonald, second by Volkening to approve the special event permit SEP 22-001 as presented. Motion Carried 5-0.*

- B. SEP 22-002 – A request for approval of a Special Event permit for BAM Fireworks located at 7770 US Hwy 31, Grawn, MI.

Applicant was not present.

*Motion by McDonald, second by Volkening to approve the special event permit SEP 22-002 with the condition to update the insurance. Motion carried 5-0.*

10. OTHER BUSINESS: None

11. LIASON REPORT FROM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Volkening said there was no meeting due to lack of business.

12. OLD BUSINESS: None

13. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT: None

14. DISCUSSION:

McDonald said the Township Board approved the State Land language amendment for land sold privately to be rezoned to the predominate surrounding zoning district with no modifications.

Volkening asked if any RFP's have been received for the Master Plan. Staff indicated the main office is handling that. Dean said he contacted the Supervisor and provided him with a company out of Ann Arbor that does Master Planning. McDonald said depending on the deadline for RFP submissions, the Board will make their decision(s) at the next board meeting after.

McDonald asked to discuss signs at the next meeting. Staff asked to discuss fencing.

Board discussed holding May meeting even if no resident business so as not to be overwhelmed if projects come forward in June.

STEPHEN HORNE, SECRETARY  
GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

ALYCIA REITEN, RECORDING SECRETARY  
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