SPECIAL HEARING
DAY CARE SPECIAL USE PERMIT
RFI TRAINING ACADEMY REQUEST
FOLLOW UP/RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD
Planning Commission Meeting
Blue Lake Township Hall
1491 Owasippe Road
Twin Lake, MI, 2015
November 3, 2016

The meeting was moved to the Blue Lake Community Church because of anticipated numbers in attendance at the hearing.

The Meeting started at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present were: Jim Cordray, Lyle Monette, Mike Sikkenga, & Barb Veldman

Absent: Mark Slater

Guest of Planning Commission: Ron Bultje, Township Attorney

Perfection of Agenda: No Change

The application for a special use permit for a Day Care was introduced and a brief discussion by Chairman Jim Cordray followed. The purpose of a special use permit and the application for the permit was read and briefly discussed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the permit with the members of the Planning Commission all voting for the permit.

The application was signed by Mr. Cordray and given to the applicant.

A brief break was given with the hearing re-convened in 10 minutes.

The chairman noted the application for the training academy and the procedures that would be followed for the hearing. It was noted that speakers would have a 3-minute time frame and that duplicate comments should be eliminated.

Joe Brugnoli gave a presentation on the main aspects of the training academy. He used a slide presentation and gave a lot of facts as well as detailed plans for the property and the operation of the academy including hours of operation, safety, entrances, berms and other aspects of the site operation. He also indicated the use of the US Forest property next to his property.

Following the presentation, the public was invited to make comments. Thirty-Seven people spoke on the plan, noise, peaceful community life and valuation of property. This was handled very well with the public and the academy was soundly talked against the plans with one person talking in favor of the plan.

The Planning Commission was invited to make comments of what was said and their reactions.

Joe Brugnoli was invited to give his closing remarks and a brief discussion followed.

The Planning Commission will have Special Meeting on November 9, 2016 to further discuss the application and to make a recommendation to the Blue Lake Township Board

November 9, 2016

Special Meeting of the Planning Commission to make a Board recommendation

The meeting was held at the township hall as a large number of guests was not anticipated.

All planning members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Chairman Cordray noted the purpose of the meeting and the fact that we must give our decision in the form of a resolution to the township board.

Lyle reported that at the hearing the following numbers were noted:

29 e-mails were received with only one being for the academy.

225+ were in attendance at the meeting

123 on line e-mail petitions were received, all against the academy

37 people spoke

Many pictures and maps were given to the audience

Approximately 75 people were here tonight.

No other planning members had anything to report.

We considered the presentation from Joe Brugnoli, the comments from the hearing, the e-mails, letters and on-line petitions to help reach a decision.

After considering all aspects of the plan including development of the property, uses of the property, sound levels, safety, entrances and neighboring housing, we made the decision to deny the applicant a change of zoning. The Planning Commission Resolution was developed and voted to deny the Academy application.

This will be presented to the board for consideration at a later date.

There were no further questions from the planning members.

Planning Member Reports: None

New Business:None

The next regular meeting will be held on November 16, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Lyle Monette, Secretary