

Millington Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Tuesday February 20th, 2024
8553 State St. Millington MI 48746

Meeting Minutes for ZBA:

Called to order: 6:02 pm

Member present: Alvin Zavitz, Robert Bernard, Nathan Ptaszenski, Matt Opperman

Members absent: Carol Kreger. Robert asked for someone to volunteer to act as secretary in Carol's absence, Nathan volunteered.

Review/ Approval of minutes: Minutes from January 24th, 2024, meeting was approved.

Public policy for comments: Robert Bernard read the public comment rules.

New business: new business was read. Alvin Zavitz removes himself from the ZBA for this meeting due to a conflict of interest. Robert motioned to appoint Nathan as vice chair. Nathan accepted.

Presentation by Appellant- Tammy Daenzer steps up to podium to read the SLUP review at 6:07-6:30pm

Presentation by Property owner- Attorney on behalf of the Falls takes the podium at 6:30pm. Mud bog is allowed under 5.02. finished at 6:45pm

Presentation by ZA- New township attorney takes podium at 6:48pm- 6:53pm

Public Comment: Sharon Keinath- Gravel pit SLUP escrow is up and running for the record. Alan Green- Race track only allowed in commercial district.

Kathy Moorhouse 8140 Irish rd.- Inquiring about new driveway the falls are installing at the property in question.

Melissa Wilson 7240 Caine - Planning commission should all step down according to the township attorney's statement. We can fix this.

Carolyn Pichard- 8317 Irish rd.- Safety issues with Irish rd. having Amish people in the area who travel by foot. Noise worries and explains no way an ambulance can make it through traffic blocking roads.

Tim Fall 6664 Cain rd.- Starting driveway was already approved by county. Everyone cuts down trees on their property. Site plan is approved for the traffic. No problem completing the job. Mud shouldn't be an issue.

Laura Graves 7735 Ellis rd.- Full support of site to be developed. Millington needs more development.

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Brandon Sherman Arbela rd.- He supports the mud bog. Camping will bring in money for the township.

Bethann Fall 6664 Cain rd.- Helped get the application going. The township board did not have the forms available online and was told no fees. She supports the planning commission meeting and minutes.

Chad Brown 8006 Willard- Change is a good thing.

Hannah Reinart 8052 Irish- There is a ton of houses around the campground. She is worried about the noise.

Krystal Buella Walton rd. Vassar- It's not in your backyard. It's in their backyard.

Courtney Skelly 3472 Irish rd.- This will bring families together. It's an awesome idea.

Suzanne Davis 7138 Vassar rd.- Property is surrounded by trees so it won't be so noisy.

Mark Ross 8193 Irish- He is outside all the time doing cook outs and having fun. He is worried about the noise.

Said Sherman? 6181 Arbela- Is there a permit to have an open house? Cars block the roads during those events. Township has dropped the ball.

Tenley league Harsco rd. Vassar- no drugs and drinking. She supports the falls.

Chern Henrich 5715 Milliman- never received a letter from the township. Worries about gun safety. Wants hunting dates changed to match camping dates plus there is a water issue with possible wetlands.

Public Comment Closed: 7:26 pm

7:30 pm- Robert Bernard begins reading letters in opposition to and in favor of the SLUP. 24 letters in total were read. 15 letters of support, 8 letters of opposition, 1 letter of unknown position. A total of 142 signatures were collected. 118 in support and 33 in opposition.

At 8:15 pm Robert Bernard finished reading the letters.

Robert Bernard opens Public Comment again: Bob worth 9100 Sheridan rd.- Takes the podium. Question of Clarity. Was the scale drawing presented to any other board before tonight? If approved ask EGLE to approve the berm. Also require Tuscola County to do septic inspection.

Alvin Zavitz- This is the first time the planning commission has seen the scale drawing.

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8:20pm Closed Public Comment.

8:21 pm Deliberation: Chair Robert Bernard went over the Falls special land use review document and Matt Opperman provided material on his findings. Matt asked jessie if she was willing to remove the mud bog from the application. She said she would reduce but not remove. From 6 to 3 events. Deliberation continued.

9:45pm Legal council with township attorney.

10:11 pm ZBA Motion and Vote: Chair Robert Bernard reviewed ordinances and made a motion that we reverse the planning commission decision because proper procedure was not followed according to 17.2 of the ordinances. Therefor it may go back to the planning commission and to the zoning administrator.

There was no second to the motion.

Nathan Ptaszenski made a motion to affirm the SLUP decision with conditions to add escrow, add bond, reduce events from 6 to 3, add special events only dates of 4-1 through 9-30.

Matt Opperman amended the motion that the falls submit a site plan 17.03 a-j, to the ZA also submit a bond of ordinance 17.05, escrow would be created under 17.02.03, the falls would reduce mud bog events from 6 to 3 Friday Saturday Sunday 12pm, adjust events mud bog and freestyle dates to 4-1 through 9-30.

Nathan Ptaszenski seconded the motion.

Robert Bernard called for a vote-

Nathan Ptaszenski- Aye

Matt Opperman- Aye

Robert Bernard- Nay

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting until a later date. Nathan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm

Interim Secretary/Vice Chair of ZBA- Nathan Ptaszenski

