

LEE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING  
HELD AT THE LEE TOWNSHIP HALL MIDLAND MICHIGAN

The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Present: Bill Stewart, Rick Payne, Mari Spraul, Mike Spitnale and Doris French

Guest: Rodney Nanney

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill and seconded by Mari. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 29 meeting was made by Mari and seconded by Bill.

Motion passed.

**New Business:**

A representative from Dow gave us a proposal for a site plan. They want to place an office in the township for the company to use as they work on the old brine wells. They will also have equipment stored as they use it. They estimate the project to take ten years. We discussed the possibility of changing the property to industrial, setbacks, driveway access, wetlands, neighbors, etc. At this time we will leave the property as res/ag. Rodney said because it is mainly an office, a site plan is needed to build the building. It is under a special use permit which would include the building and storage garage for this project. The contractors would not leave their equipment there overnight. We will plan to have the public hearing during the October meeting.

**Old Business:**

Zoning administrator – George and Rick will work together as zoning administrators for the present time. There is a training session shortly. Rodney will send us information for it.

Home Occupation: Changes were discussed including the addition of 7.6.2.b. home-based *limited* business; 7.6.5 add *and vehicles*; 7.6.c.1. change welding shop to *welding and fabrication*. The ordinance should be specific in limiting outside storage. We may allow outside storage under a special use permit. Signs include a small permanent sign. The ordinance will include size limits. Rodney will incorporate the changes and email the revisions to us.

Special Use Permit: 12.9.D the Commission will send notification to the owner for old ones.

Site Plan: We discussed this ordinance revision. The minor site plan idea is good. The ordinance lists all things required. Questions for clarification were answered by Rodney.

A motion was made by Mari and seconded by Bill to schedule a public hearing for the home occupation, special use and site plan ordinances during the October 15th meeting. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doris and seconded by Mike. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting is October 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French  
Planning Commission Secretary