

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 28, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairperson Cook, Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Present; Borst, Fong, Walsworth, Terryn, Cook, Whelpley, Zoning Administrator Draper and township attorney McNeely. Absent: Coker 10 Members of the public present.

Agenda: Motion by Fong to approve the Agenda as presented, supported by Borst. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Meeting: Whelpley made two changes to the minutes of the February 28, 2017 minutes. Remove the none from New Business and under deliberation of the Hunter Creek Holdings public hearing add been between had and uncooperative. Motion by Walsworth to approved the minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting with two corrections, supported by Fong. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Zoning Administrator Report: 17 permits issued so far, this year. Received a variance request application to be held in May.

New Business: None

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Old Business: None

1. Act 167 of 1917. Housing Law of Michigan. Motion by Fong to recommend to the township board to adopt Public Act 167 of 1917 supported by Borst. Discussion: Chairman Cook reviewed the law and said that Pentwater Township had adopted it to use to regulate dangerous and unsafe buildings. We may be able to use it with the Short-Term Rental Ordinance. Discussion ensued about the other items covered by the law that we may or may not prosecute. Will we be able to use this with the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance? Attorney McNeely suggested that we might want to take portions of the Housing Law we want to enforce and adopt those as an ordinance rather than the whole law with parts we don't enforce. The Short-Term Rental could incorporate some items of the law to cover what we want. Fong amended his motion to postpone this item for sixty (60) days and the Chair appoint a subcommittee to work with our legal counsel to consider the optional ways to accomplish the goal of a building ordinance we can enforce. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Chairman Cook appointed Whelpley, Fong, himself to the committee. Draper will be a nonvoting member.

## Ordinance Amendments & Other Reports

1. Temporary Campground Permit. Members reviewed the terms of the permit from the February 2, 2017 memo. The consensus was to remove the maximum of ten RV's on any parcel from #2. Add any between where and RV's in # 4. Motion by Whelpley to approve the following Temporary Campground Permit Terms 1. Maximum number of RV's allowed on a parcel without obtaining a permit is four (4) in all zoning districts. 2. A Temporary Campground Permit must be obtained from District #10 Health Department and Golden Township for five (5) or more RV's on any parcel in all zoning district. 3. There must be a livable dwelling or active Primary Use on each parcel where any RV's are to be placed. 4. In the RR & R-1 zoning districts the 50% lot coverage requirement must be met. 5. A maximum of three (3) Temporary Campground Permits, for a duration of four (4) nights each, per calendar year per parcel are permitted. 6. The permit fee shall be \$150.00 per permit. Supported by Fong.  
Discussion: Mr. Ramlow asked if tents were included? Tents are not included in the definition of a Recreational Vehicle. Why does he need a permit to have friends bring their RV's to his place, he has 5 acres and doesn't bother anybody? He is strongly opposed to this as he pays taxes and shouldn't have to pay more. Anyone who has more than 4 RV's on their property is violating the MDNR Campground Law. We are trying to let people who want to have friends and relatives visit without violating the law. Voice vote, all ayes motion carried. A public hearing must be scheduled.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Jake Whelpley, Secretary