

**CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2017**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call: Present – Koster, Patton, Wilcox, Rutledge, Merchberger, Dunn, Kozma, Pieri**

**Absent – Mahn**

**Guests – Julie Dumbauld, Shelley Koster and Steve and Lori Secor**

**Approval of Minutes:**

***Rutledge made the motion to approve the 02-14-17 minutes as written. Kozma supported. All Ayes. Absent: Mahn. Motion carried.***

***(Koster left his seat as Chairperson and went into the audience as a spectator. He was asked several questions on the project about the design and what the project entailed, uses and purpose of the storage rack.)***

**Case #242: E.J. Mertaugh Boat Works:** Requesting Special Land Use Permit for a proposed new construction of a 125' x 32' steel storage building. After reviewing the case, it was decided it meets zoning ordinance site plan requirements, follows the aesthetics of existing buildings and the Special Land Use Permit is for a commercial storage building which is a similar use of the existing building which is being replaced. Restrictions were added to this request as appropriate landscaping, green area extending 20 feet on the east side follows landscaping regulations according to the Zoning Ordinance Article 9 and it follows the Mackinac County Health Department drainage run-off requirements.

***Patton made the motion to approve the Special Land Use Permit for a new construction of a 125' x 32' steel storage building with noted restrictions. Dunn supported. Roll Call Vote: Pieri-Yes; Rutledge-Yes; Koster-Abstain; Patton-Yes; Dunn-Yes; Merchberger-Yes; Wilcox-Yes; Kozma-No; Ayes: 5. Nays: 1. Abstain: 1. Absent: Mahn. Motion carried.***

**Correspondence:** Letters regarding Case #242 were included with the motion to approve.

**Public Comment:** Lori and Steve Secor addressed the board on opposing the building of E. J. Mertaugh's dry storage rack due to size, safety and noise. Koster stated the lift is rather quiet for that kind of equipment.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

***Pieri made the motion to approve the Agenda as written and seconded by Kozma. Ayes All.***

***Absent: Mahn. Motion carried.***

**ZBA:** None

**Township Board Report:** Sarah Patton representing the Township Board.

- The sewer system is working fine. They don't anticipate any problems.
- Patton and Dunn are working on GIS mapping of the shore strip access points. The first priority would be to identify each one so the PC can decide what to allow at each Access Point. Dunn and Patton will find out if the Township is allowed to limit some activities at some Access Points but allow some activities at other Access Points. They will also find out if the county or township has jurisdiction over allowable uses at the Access Points.
- The contract for the new rescue truck will be signed in April.
- The Recycling program contract is up with Smith Sanitation next year and is being looked at since Smith Sanitation does not want to recycle most items.

**Old Business**

- Election of Officers  
***Motion made by Wilcox and supported by Dunn for Koster as Chairperson and Merchberger as Vice-Chairperson until December 2017. Roll Call Vote. Ayes All. Absent Mahn. Motion carried.***
- Goals list for 2017: Koster will have Supervisor Reid prioritize the list.

**Adjournment**

***Motion by Koster. Seconded by Kozma to adjourn. Ayes All. Absent: Mahn. Motion carried.***