

MINUTES
BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 --- 7:00 p.m.

Big Rapids Township Hall, 14212 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

Chairperson Amanda Wethington called the regular meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Planning Commission to order at the township hall on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Mike Bigford, Zach Cook, Mary Davis, Gordon Oliver, Mark Sweppenheiser and Amanda Wethington. Carman Bean was absent. The record shows there is a quorum. Also present: Zoning Administrator and Recording Secretary, Timothy Kleinheksel and Township Supervisor, Bill Stanek.

III. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Mrs. Wethington asked if any of the Commission members had known conflicts of interest with any of the items on the agenda for this meeting. No one indicated that a conflict of interest existed.

IV. MINUTES:

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission members to review the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as submitted. Mr. Cook supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with six ayes.

V. SUP21-005 HARVEY/MAGNUSON LLC:

Mrs. Amanda Magnuson, co-owner, presented the overview of the "Big Stretch Resort", a dog care and boarding facility at 22566 13 Mile Road, Big Rapids Township. The presentation included options for sound control by the use of insulation and sound absorbing baffles. Much discussion followed with public input from adjoining land owners, and Mr. John Lewis, attorney for a group of neighbors. The majority of the opposition being potential excessive noise levels from the proposed kennels. Adding support and clarification for the applicants was Michelle Radloff, a dog attorney. After lengthy discussion amongst the Planning Commission, Mr. Bigford made a motion to approve the application of SUP21-005 with the stipulations that the capacity at the facility be limited 30 dogs, that the hours of operation be 7:00am to 7:00pm, that there will be no dogs outside after 7:00pm, that the sound dampening baffles be included in the construction, and that landscaping be installed at the property. Mrs. Davis supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously with six ayes via roll call vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments for both sides were voiced concerning SUP21-005.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business for the Planning Commission, Mrs. Wethington adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.