

HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
September 2023

The Heath Township Planning Commission met on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Members Present: Michael Stork
Randy Poll
Hilda Boerman

Also present was Greg Ransford, Planner

Absent: Michael Phillips, Don Wickstra

The meeting was called to order by Stork. A motion from Poll supported by Boerman to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 meeting. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

ITEM 1

Request from Allegan Conservation District to change site plan approval of base of parking area from Slag to 22A until asphalt paving can be done. Stork opened the public hearing. Lon, from the Conservation District, explained that the cost difference would be significant for the Conservation District. Stork closed the public hearing. The board questioned the issue of dust control. Motion from Poll with support from Boerman to allow the change from Slag to an MDOT 22A crushed concrete for the base of the parking area. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 2

Request from Ross Schipper for site plan review was tabled until October meeting. While at the meeting, they still gave a small presentation on the 1st phase of the development and discussed the drainage pond in the back and also discussed the screening needs between M-40 and parking.

ITEM 3

Stork opened the public hearing on the request from Craig and Helen Zeerip to build a large barn in front of their home. Helen explained what they were planning on using the barn for. There was also discussion on their driveway and ownership. There was discussion on front yard and where that would actually begin. Since Bear Creek Drive is just a driveway to their residence and fully within their property boundary, the front yard was determined to be along 126th Avenue. No neighbors were present. Stork closed the floor. The board asked if there would be living space in the barn or if the barn would be rented out. Stork then went through the questions from Section 16.09 (1),(2),(3),(4), Accessory Buildings, Accessory to Single Family Residential Uses from Heath Township Ordinance. Motion from Poll with support from Boerman to accept the application as presented as it meets all 4 criteria of Section 16.09. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 4

Zoning for Solar has been tabled until October meeting.

Next meeting date is October 12, 2023.

Motion by Boerman with support from Poll and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Clerk Missy Harvey