

**CLEON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 6TH, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Todd Humphrey

ROLL CALL:

Todd Humphrey, Paul Beaudrie, Chris Herst, Terri Milarch, Absent Gary Porter

GUESTS:

Evelyn Hawkins, Barb Stanton, Scott and Heidi Mead, and Dale and Donna Humphrey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from November 1st were read and approved motion by Paul 2nd by Chris

Guests Heidi and Scott Mead attended the meeting to explain what they would like to do in Manistee County and surrounding counties, would like to put in a food pantry, they are looking for a building, wondering about the township Hall when the new one is done, they were told to come to the township board meeting to discuss that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Twisted Trails-

Dale & Donna Humphrey finally showed up to our meeting to discuss their special use permit, it took 364 days for them to come in and sign their spec use permit. Todd asked them why it took so long, they had a few different reasons why, they said they didn't know until May about signing their permit, they were told in January, as Todd let them know and he also talked to them every month reminding them. There was a **motion** made by Terri 2nd by Paul that they sign the original permit for the campground and storage building, Dale did sign them.

They did have some requests they would like to make. (See below).

They were also reminded that they didn't do the things they said they were going to do, like putting the berm back up between them and Evelyn Hawkins land!

Dale said they were thinking about putting fast growing trees and bushes there instead of the berm as soon as possible, Evelyn agreed with that, but feels it will be hard to monitor the vehicles. It was recommended that they put a row of trees by the Wallaces property line also. They said they would.

REQUESTED CHANGES TO THEIR PERMIT FOR THE STORAGE BUILDING/POLE BARN FOR OPERATIONAL USE

These are some changes to the permit for the storage building that they would like to make, like adding vehicles they own, rent or lease, for campground operations, like ATV rentals, and security vehicles, to be able to keep them inside the building to fix if necessary. They want to make sure it's ok.

The pole barn is **only** for vehicles used by Twisted Trails! Paul questioned them on how do we know if it's just there vehicles being worked on or used, she assured us it is. They put magnetic signs and flashing lights on the security vehicles. Donna does not want to give us a list of their

vehicles, she feels it is not necessary. She wants that taken out of the permit, We asked that it be done once a year.

They also would like to move the office space out of the building and put it in the lean-to

The amendments will be discussed at our meeting in January 2024

CAMPGROUND AT TWISTED TRAILS:

Wants to plant fast growing trees in place of replacing the berm.

Donna questioning why the permit says seasonal camping prohibited as they have always had campground open 365 days a year. Campground can't be open year round, that is to stop campers from coming in and living there year round.

Paul wanted to know if they have a contract for the campers that leave there campers there, instead of hauling them up every weekend feels they should have one.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will discuss the amendments to their permit.

PERMITS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Evelyn ok with the changes

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Chris and 2nd by Paul to adjourn at 7:30

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY: TERRI MILARCH, SECRETARY

NEXT MEETING January 3rd 2024 AT 6:30