

**Caseville Township Planning Commission and Public Hearing  
May 8, 2018**

Present: Jim Kanary, Chairperson  
Charles Morden, Vice Chairperson  
Jerry Platko, Secretary  
Doug Grates  
Kathy Wroblewski  
Gail Atkins  
Michelle Stirrett, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Jim Kanary with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing opened at 1:31 p.m.

**Purpose:** To take comments of the proposed amendment to Section 154.004 Application and Scope.

Kanary explained that there have been some questions on the enforceability of this section of the ordinance, and after checking with the Township Attorney, The Michigan Township's Association and Wade Trim, it was decided that Section 154.004 should be removed from the ordinance.

**Public Comments:**

Greg Kretz: Stated that the Township had tried to enforce this section of the ordinance since 2014. He has received several violation notices from the Township due to an association issue. He was ticketed and went to court in June, 2017. The ticket was dismissed. There is a Court of Appeals decision that this is not enforceable. The indemnification clause in the building permit also needs to be removed.

**Board Comments:**

Platko: After listening to comments, he is glad this section is being eliminated.

No further comment, the hearing was closed at 1:40 p.m.

The regular meeting opened at 1:41 p.m. with the same members present.

**Motion** by Morden second by Wroblewski to approve the April 3, 2018 minutes. **Motion carried.**

**Board Liaison Report:** Platko reported that the Board appointed two people to fill the vacancies on the ZBA, accepted the resignation of Jim Brennan, and will be spraying for gypsy moths.

**Recommendation to Township Board – Section 154.004- Motion** by Morden second by Atkins to recommend to the Township Board the amendment to Section 154.004 Application and Scope (deleting Section 154.004 in its entirety). **Motion carried.**

**Sand Point Association Proposed Day Camp** – Kanary stated that he had been made aware of the expansion of the child care at the Sand Point Club and wanted to make the directors aware of the Township's requirements. Carol Fletcher stated the intent was to expand the number of children and length of time for the day camp. They were in the process of getting State licensing.

Kanary advised that this type of facility may be allowed with a Township special land use permit. He explained the ordinance requirements for a day care within a residential district.

Paul Clabuesch: Never objected to the children's program in the past because it was a smaller group. The proposed camp is getting larger and the club should go about getting licenses and Township approval. As a neighbor, he feels he has no rights and the camp may infringe on the enjoyment of his property. He raised concerns regarding parking, water safety, noise, fencing and traffic. If the club goes through the proper process to get approval and necessary permits, he won't be happy but will accept the outcome.

**Ordinance Book Page Numbering:** Kanary presented a copy of the index with corresponding page numbers for members.

**Public Comments:**

Greg Kretz: Questioned if the indemnification clause was removed from the building permit. Asked why the building inspector continued to pursue him even after Court of Appeals decision was made known to the Township.

Ron George: Referenced Ken Sosnowski's letter to the Planning Commission requesting the Planning Commission have Wade Trim address their concerns about the campground on their behalf. There are activities going on at the golf course that concerns them and they would like to be advised as to what is required before permit request is received. Planning members noted it was too soon to comment on the proposed campground and suggested Mr. George's group seek their own counsel on their concerns.

Tom Wade: Stated the greatest threat to democracy is the element of surprise and neighbors want to make sure they know how to deal with what is being proposed. His concerns regarding the proposed campground include safety, use of the beach, environmental, and its use is outside the character of the area. He suggested the Township look into funding to purchase the property for a nature center.

**Board Comments:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Michelle Stirrett  
Caseville Township Clerk