

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING - October 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Larry Shaffer, Nancy Griswold, Phil Bontrager, Lou Lundquist, & Christine Lundquist

Motion by Lou Lundquist, supported by Phil Bontrager to approve the minutes for Sept. 22. Motion carried.

Chairperson Shaffer invited Albert and Nancy Larsen to present their request for a conditional use permit for a general service and repair garage at N14121 Ellen Street.

Mr. Larsen began by discussing his background in automotive and small engine repair. Although not currently certified as a mechanic, he is in the process of recertifying with the Secretary of State. He reviewed the level of services he anticipated providing, and indicated he has spoken to most of the neighbors about his plans.

Mr. Larsen explained his plans for waste disposal, including using used oil for heating.

Calvin McShane, the zoning administrator, was asked if he had any concerns he wished to share with the committee. He indicated that he was satisfied with Mr. Larsen's plan, and the only thing they may need to review further was the possible fencing and signage to be installed.

Lisa Marx, who had joined the meeting by phone, indicated that Mr. Larsen had assisted her with a vehicle, and she was very pleased with his work and professionalism.

Motion by Christine Lundquist, supported by Lou Lundquist, to forward a positive decision on the request to a public hearing. Motion carried.

The public hearing will be scheduled for October 29, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Mr. Shaffer invited comments from the committee members. Christine indicated she brought members a printed copy of the spreadsheet Lou had emailed committee members related to the zoning ordinance. She thanked Heather at the township office for printing them.

Larry Shaffer indicated he has talked to Dottie LaJoie from CUPPAD about the recreation plan and survey. The survey results have been compiled, and she is available October 29 to attend our meeting and begin work on the recreation plan. The committee members agreed this should be added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Nancy Griswold, supporter by Lou Lundquist to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Motion carried.