

HOMER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
June 9, 2014

Present: Erna Varner, Greg Bate, Joel Marshall, Darcie Johnson, John Stern, Sandra Simmons
Guests: Russ Varner, Craig Norton, Sandy Turk, Rob Eggers, Alan Bean, Nate Reed,
Julie Reed.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Chairperson Simmons

Agenda: Agenda approved as distributed & updated by 6/5 email adding Nate & Julie Reed.

Approval of minutes: Minutes of May 12, 2014 approved as distributed.

Public Comment: Nate and Julie Reed, 1054 N Tittabawassee River Rd. Midland gave a brief presentation and distributed a packet on Michigan Agricultural Tourism and how that may apply to their property. They wish to use a barn on their property for weddings but that use is not currently approved for their zoning district. They believe the information distributed is applicable to their situation. They are also considering submitting a special use permit request to the planning commission. Special use permit process was reviewed and the planning committee will review the handouts. The township attorney has been asked to provide a written opinion on their requested use and that response will be shared with them upon receipt by the planning commission.

Communications: None

Site Plan—Special Use Permit—Rezoning: None

Public Hearing: None

Old Business: The latest draft of the master plan revision was reviewed and input was provided by all planning commission and board members present. There were a number of comments all of which were editorial in nature. Following the comments/discussion Johnson moved that the planning commission send the draft document, with the proposed changes, to the board and recommend their approval to distribute the draft document to adjacent communities and Midland County. Motion seconded by Bate. Supporting motion: Bate, Varner, Stern, Marshall, Johnson, Simmons; opposing motion: none.

New Business: Zoning Ordinance Revision—discussion on the best/most efficient way to revise the zoning ordinance. Major areas of focus for discussion were: budget limitations, use of consultants, scope of role of planning commission in revision process. No final decisions were made, discussion will continue at future planning meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by Sandra Simmons, Chairperson
Cc: R. Varner, K. Varner