

Hope Township Planning Commission

Public Hearing RV Ordinance and Zoning Set Back Amendments

March 5, 2014

Members Present Diane Vaughan, Marge Kobisa, Bob Davis, Rudy Turk, Wendy Faber

Guest: Rodney Nanney (Planning & Zoning) others listed on sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7pm

Motion made to open Public Hearing, all members of board voted to open Public Hearing

W. Jay Brown, attorney for Jan Vansteenhouse, made comments referencing letter that was sent to Planning Commission members, against the adoption of the proposed RV Ordinance. Referencing that "camper parcels" are not consistent with the overall purposes of the Hope Township Ordinance and Master Plan. That campers allowed on vacant parcels would not be attractive and that there would be sanitation issues.

Dave Rothman stated that his property was "deed restricted" and would not allow RV use on vacant parcels. (Rodney Nanney- stated that Hope Township ordinance would not super cede this deed restriction.) This resident also commented on set- backs being changed from 10 to 8 ft.

Samples of existing properties show that 8 foot set backs are already common in lake area properties.

RV Ordinance #50801 was adopted and would be repealed and new RV ordinance would become part of the Township Ordinance instead of separate.

Rodney Nanney also suggested adding #4 to section 3G-Documentation of outside agency approvals for Porta John facility. Motion was made to add to ordinance.

Other township residents made comments against adopting the RV Ordinance stating other RV's are only parked in the area for a short amount of time-a weekend or two. And that they are parked on a parcel with an existing structure. Some did not like the idea of a porta john stating possible odor and having to look at a porta john from their property.

Wynne Winslow submitted RV ordinance from other townships that are consistent with the proposed Hope Township ordinance and photos of RV's parked in the township during the summers.

With no other comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 pm

Board Voted to accept RV Ordinance and Set Back changes to Ordinance

Roll Call vote taken
Marge Kobisa-yes
Diane Vaughan yes
Bob Davis yes
Rudy Turk yes
Wendy Faber yes

Rodney Nanney will write final ordinance with changes and email to Andy Kobisa and Diane Vaughan and will submit to Midland County Planning Commission for their comments if any. Midland County will have 30 days to comment. Then will go to Hope Township Board.