

# **MARKEY TOWNSHIP**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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### **Public Hearing**

**#7412 Site Plan Review – Sergeant’s Septic &Excavation**

**And**

**Greenhouses and Nurseries**

**Roadside Stands and Sales**

**Parking of Semi-Trucks in Residential Zones**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burge at 6:30 pm. Roll Call was taken. Those present were Chairman Tom Burge, Secretary Tim Grahl, Hal Hackett, Joe Devins, Joe VanOstenbridge. Absent were Stan Gardner and Ron Duquette(family illness). Also present were seven (7) residents.

Chairman Burge presented the agenda.

Item A: Sergeant’s Septic & Excavating Site Plan Review. Item was pushed back until the arrival of Nick Sergeant.

Item B: Greenhouses and Nurseries. Burge read the current ordinances. In general, residents interested in installing a greenhouse found they could not meet the current setback in our ordinance. Public Comment: One in favor of a change that would ease the current ordinance, a second inquiring about the origin of the 150’ setback. Burge submitted his proposal. A discussion followed. Burge made a motion for a resolution to be submitted to the County and then the Township Board for approval for changing the Greenhouses and Nurseries from Special Land Uses to Permitted Uses, and that all building and structures associated with the use shall meet setbacks for the zoning district it is in. (See Attachment.) Joe Devin seconded the motion. Public comments – none. Roll Call vote: Ayes – VanOstenbridge, Hackett, Grahl, Burge, Devins. Nays – none. Absent – two.

Item C: Roadside Stands and Sales. Burge compiled a summary of previously discussed items. Floor opened: Devins read the current ordinance, emphasizing a difference between roadside stands and roadside sales, stating that it is roadside sales that the PC was addressing at this time. The PC reviewed and revamped the summary report. Grahl made a motion for a resolution to be submitted to the County and then the Township Board for approval for adding Roadside Sales to the ordinance, with seven (7) separate

provisions. (See Attachment.) Hackett seconded the motion. Public Comment – none. Roll Call vote: Ayes – Grahl, Hackett, Devins, VanOstenbridge, Burge. Nays – none. Absent – two.

Motion was made by Devins, seconded by Grahl to present a resolution to change Roadside Stands from Special to Permitted Use in A1 Rural Preservation District. (See Attached.) Roll Call: Ayes – Hackett, Devins, VanOstenbridge, Grahl, Burge. Nays – none. Absent – two.

Item A – Final Site Plan Review – #7412 Sergeant’s Septic and Excavating. Burge gave a brief history of the business and read a letter from Nick Sergeant addressing the need for an expansion to an existing building. The PC then discussed the application. VanOstenbridge made a resolution to approve application #7412 as presented with a stipulation that Sergeant’s Septic & Excavating meet all regulation on lighting and dust prevention as contained in our ordinance. Grahl seconded the resolution. (See Attached.) Public Comment – none. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Devins, VanOstenbridge, Grahl, Hackett, Burge. Nays – none. Absent – two.

Item D – Parking of Semi-Trucks in Residential Zones. Burge re-read the letter from Ken Stevenson regarding his situation. A resident personally presented her situation. Public comments were heard. A lively debate ensued. It was noted that there were no complaints filed by residents. Devins made a motion to table this item until all board members (7) are present. Grahl seconded the motion; motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelly  
Recording Secretary