

Alaiedon Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2016

The Alaiedon Township Planning Commission met on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Alaiedon Township Hall to hold a Public Hearing to consider a Special Use Permit request.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Koelling at 7:30 pm.

Roll call was taken. Present were Laurie Koelling, Robert Caltrider, Bill Schneider, Barb Kranz, Roger Cook and Kim Hafley. Beth Smith was absent.

Robert Caltrider made a motion to approve agenda. Barb Kranz seconded. Motion approved.

Robert Caltrider made a motion to approve the March 21, 2016 minutes. Roger Cook seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

Secretary Hafley read the public hearing notice.

- Consider SUP application of Jeanine Christman. The property located at 1234 Lamb Road, Mason in Alaiedon Township. If granted, the Special Use Permit would allow the operation of a daycare group home with a maximum of 12 children located on parcel #33-06-06-23-300-012 consisting of 6.45 acres in a A-1 Agricultural Zoning.

Public Comment:

- Jeanine Christman of 1234 Lamb Road, Mason, MI noted that the language in the notice is confusing as she is not going to be the person operating the day care. The application was submitted on behalf of the Marrison's who plan to purchase the property at 1234 Lamb Road.
- Scott Marrison of 116 Bush Street in Mason MI stated that he is in the process of purchasing the house to make the day care he currently operates larger. Mr. Marrison noted the only exterior modification will be a fence as required by state law.
- Chairwoman Koelling asked if the daycare will be in the residence or in one of the other buildings. Mr. Marrison answered that the daycare will be in the house and again reiterated it will comply with all state laws.
- Bill Schneider asked how many employees the daycare would have. Mr. Marrison answered that his wife and daughter are the primary caretakers. He is also qualified and occasionally assists. At most they might add one employee.
- Chairwomen Koelling inquired about parking. Mr. Marrison introduced a site drawing that showed the fenced area, the driveway entrance, exits and parking. Mr. Marrison noted that they have 10 parking spaces in one location and 6 parking spaces in back.
- Bill Schneider asked how wide the lot is. Ms. Christman said she thought it was 214'
- Barb Kranz asked the hours of operation for the proposed facility. Mr. Marrison responded that the state law restricts their operation to 18 hours a day. Typically the daycare is open from 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. He did have two children that may stay slightly later one night a week.

- Kim Hafley asked about pond security. Mr. Marrison answered that the fence and the gate system will prevent the children from leaving the fenced area and gaining access to the ponds.
- Bill Schneider asked about the width of the driveways. Mr. Marrison responded that he didn't have the exact measurements but that the horseshoe drive is 2 cars wide and the other drive is 4 cars wide.
- Roger Cook asked about the type of fence. Mr. Marrison stated that it will be chain link and at least 4 feet in height.
- Kevin Casper of 1224 Lamb Road, Mason Michigan asked specifically where the fence would be. Mr. Casper was provided a copy of the site drawing. Mr. Casper asked if there was a survey as he is an adjacent neighbor. Ms. Christman stated to the best of her knowledge there was not one. Chairwoman Koelling noted that either party could retain a survey company to establish the property boundaries.
- Chairwoman Koelling explained that the Special Use Permit goes with the property.

Roger Cook made a motion that the Alaiedon Township Planning Commission recommends to the Alaiedon Board of Trustees that the Special Use Permit Request for a daycare for up to twelve children at 1234 Lamb Road be approved as proposed. Robert Caltrider seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chairwoman Koelling explained to the public that this Alaiedon Township Board of Trustees will consider at a future meeting, most likely its next meeting and to contact Virginia Coffman in the township office.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Hafley