

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Approved May 3, 2023

1) Call to Order: 7:00 PM

2) Role Call:

Tippman - present

Kiry – present

Odland - present

Meyer – absent

Poole – absent

Dibble – present

Nicol – present

Motion by Kiry to excuse Poole and Meyer, second by Dibble. 5-0, yes. Motion passed.

3) Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Nicol to approve the agenda as presented, second by Tippman, 5-0 yes, motion passed.

4) Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Kiry to approve the minutes of March 1, 2023, second by Nicol, 5-0, yes motion passed.

5) Public Comment non-agenda items - none

6) Communications / Correspondence - none

7) Public Hearing - none

8) New Business

a. Temp Use app – fireworks tent 02959 73rd St – yearly application from PPI Michigan Fireworks. Tent to be located in the Habitat for Humanity/H&R Block parking lot (by Menards/Walmart). June 10 – July 10, sales June 17-July 5. Once the tent is up the fire department will inspect. Motion by Tippman to approve the application and site plan for temp fireworks tent, second by Nicol, 5-0 yes, motion passed.

b. Review horse rack track 2023 events, 72828 24th Ave, Jesse Gamino – July 2022 the planning commission gave temp/provision approval for 2022 season with the condition the PC review the application, site plan and 2023 race schedule prior to any races in 2023. Smalley contacted the fire department and road commission for their final approval. 2022 they both gave temporary approval. Fire department gave final approval and road commission gave an ok for races but Gamino needs to update some information.

2023 schedule to start Apr 29 and end approx end October races to occur every other weekend, no more than 2 races a month. Track hours to be approx. from 9a – 10p. Races will be more like 11-5 window. Number of people projected to attend 80-400. 2022 races had approx. 80-300. Planning for 2 food trucks.

Motion by Odland to recommend approval of 2023 race events with the following conditions:

1. Another review with planning commission 2 months prior to the first event in 2024 to review any complaints, traffic issues, noise, fire department, number of people in attendance 2023 events.
 2. No alcohol sales, no gambling, no unlicensed food trucks/food vendors
 3. Loud speaker to be directed away from adjacent residences/dwellings
 4. No other events, other than horse racing is allowed
 5. Number of spectators not to exceed 900, or as approved by fire department for public safety. This does not include the horse riders and the trainers.
 6. Final approvals from the fire department and road commission
- Second by Tippman, 5-0 yes, motion passes.

Unfinished Business –

a. Master Plan revision / update

Brad Kotbra, Williams and Works gave update on survey: to date approx. 240 responses received. We need to come up with creative ways/ideas to get the word out. Local papers, radio, social media, township sign, hand out flyers, library, church, etc.

Power point showing color scheme and landscape style print, maps, etc.

Subareas – Blue Star, M-140, M-43, 73rd, 73 ½ ; focus on these areas for future development or non-development. Commercial and/or residential.

Brad will take the discussion information and continue with draft.

Open House for the Master Plan set April 29th 1-4pm. Would like to have a food truck

10) Staff & Subcommittee report

ZBA report- Tippman – no meeting , upcoming Apr 17th

Board report – refer to Board minutes

Zoning report – Smalley – upcoming: CR 388 final PUD apts,

11) Commissioner Comments and Public Comment –

12) Adjournment

at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Tasha Smalley

Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary