

Sciota Township Planning Commission

Minutes of March 7, 2022 Meeting held at Township Hall ---- DRAFT

Members present: Diane Baclawski (Chair), Dave White, Howard Pierce

Absent: Traci White, Vaughn Vondrasik

Others present: Phil Matthews, Kimberly Ridsdale

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review of Agenda
3. Review of Minutes of January 3rd, 2022, subject to clarification of name of March or Marsh. Minutes approved unanimously after motion by Pierce, seconded by White.
4. Public Comment: Phil Matthews has not heard anything about the County Land Use Plan.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:

Kim Ridsdale presented an extensive application for a Special Land Use and Site Plan approval for a community child day care facility for up to 12 children at one time. She is presently licensed by the State of Michigan for up to 6 children at one time, but most of her client families schedule their children for certain hours (i.e. after school, etc.) for a few days a week; none are full time at 30-40 hours/week. Kim explained how the state regulations for day care mandate standards for fire alarms, carbon monoxide, radon, a water well, and septic requirements. A fence needs to be added within the next year. Her license was renewed in January, and periodic inspections occur.

Commission members raised questions about the licensing procedures, neighbors, fencing for the yard, as well as a possible need for an enlarged septic system with sufficient capacity for 12 people. Dave White related his own experience with septic requirements. Kim did bring copies of signatures from her four immediate neighbors indicating they had no objection to her plan. The commissioners agreed that the question of an enlarged septic system needs to be researched and presented to the Township Board next week.

Diane moved that the Planning Commission agree to move this application forward to the Township Board for consideration next week, March 14th, with the stipulation that Ms. Ridsdale explore the possible need for more septic capacity by that date. Dave seconded, and the Commission unanimously approved.

6. New Business Continued:

NOTE: the original agenda for this meeting included a second item regarding an update on the Sciota Master Plan Process, but since no one had any information, this will be deferred until a later meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 after a motion from Diane, seconded by both Dave and Harold.

Minutes recorded by Diane Baclawski