

**HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 2019**

The Heath Township Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heath Township Hall.

Members Present: Don Wickstra
Michael Stork
Hilda Boerman
Randy Poll
Mike Phillips

Also present was attorney Catherine Kaufmann.

The minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting were approved on the motion of Stork supported by Poll by and unanimously approved. The 2018 annual report was approved on the motion of Poll supported by Stork and unanimously approved.

ITEM 1

Motion by Poll supported by Boerman and unanimously supported to take off the table the application from Shane Burch, Bob Walters Builders, to operate a family business at 4437 135th Avenue. Don noted in a previous application by Jerry Perry a request was approved, per the removal of a driveway, which has not yet been done. The enforcement and follow through has not been very good and may be the same with Shane Burch's request. Catherine noted Section 17.07 allows for compliance, violation, and revocation of permits.

Don reviewed the uses of this district and the board would like to see the area to look residential and the Burch property fringes on this. The lawyer for Bob Walters Builders/Shane Burch addressed the boards concerns from the last meeting. The Burch family has addressed all the issues but the last one in regards to the removal of the steel from the property.

The Nienhuis family is concerned with the dumpster, vehicles and sky track coming back and the business affecting the value of their property.

A resident who was allowed a family business spoke in favor of the Burchs. Per the ordinance, the type and character of the business are what needs to be reviewed.

Public portion was closed. The board reviewed the conditions of 16.27 and Section 17.03. Discussion followed and Don suggested the board can deny or approve and need to list the reasons why.

A motion was made by Phillips supported by Poll to approve the application subject to meeting the standards of 16.27, a screened dumpster with a pickup after 9:00 a.m., no more than five employees, limit the ownership of the business to the applicant and no heavy equipment before 8:00 a.m. Discussion followed and a vote was taken. Phillips, Poll and Wickstra approved. Boerman and Stork denied. Motion approved.

ITEM 2

Discussion on side and rear yards. Greg has the language and pictures. A public hearing needs to be held on the text amendment with an ordinance.

ITEM 3

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 on the motion of Stork supported by Phillips and unanimously approved. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by secretary Sheila Meiste.