

Sumpter Township  
Planning Commission  
Minutes  
February 12, 2015

Meeting called to order by Chairman Stalmack at 7:00 pm showing present: Bardell, Clark, Claxton, Cichewicz, , Oddy, Pokerwinski, Stalmack, Walter-Hamm. Borden – Excused. Also present Rob Young, Attorney, Debbie Bowman and approximately 24 residents.

4.A Motion by Oddy, supported by Clark to approve the minutes of January 8, 2015 as presented. Motion carried

5.A1 Motion by Oddy supported by Clark to open the Public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried

Rob Young, Township Attorney reviewed the original request by the Bewey Horn for the Special Exception Use at the Sumpter Roller Rink. Mr. Young advised the Commission they have the right to revoke, rescind or amend the existing Special Exemption permit. There have been police issues at the Roller Rink that caused this permit to come back to the Planning Commission. Captain Eric Luke and Detective John Toth stated the Police Department wants to make sure that incidents, like the one that occurred on October 31, 2014, do not happen again. Captain Luke advised the Commission the owners cannot assure this type of incident would not happen again if these large late night fraternity parties are allowed. Captain Luke state someone will be killed if things don't change. When the owners require a private security firm, at these events, they must feel something may happen. These events are of no benefit to Sumpter residents. On October 31, 2014 Police were called to the Roller Rink for an incident involving an estimated 400 people at which a stabbing and a robbery occurred. This incident is still under investigation. The Police Department is not trying to hinder Mr. Horn's business just stop these types of parties.

Kathleen Spires, part owner of the Roller Rink, stated she agreed with the Police and they will not rent or lease to large college groups. Ms. Spires state the community cannot support a roller rink that is why they requested the Special Exemption permit to hold different activities.

Commissioner Cichewicz asked exactly what kind of parties they are going to rent to, and how many people will be allowed?

Commissioner Oddy asked the owners what is the capacity of the building? The applications for parties have listed 400 to 500 people has the building been approved for that amount of people?

Mr. Home stated he has not been given a capacity.

Commissioner Stalmack advised the owners the Commission need something in writing regarding the types of parties which will be allowed, the hours of operation and the maximum number of people that can attend.

Bill Hamm, Twp. Trustee stated the roller rink works well in the community it is the private parties that have caused a problem. Mr. Hamm noted that the private parties cost the Township a lot of money in emergency services, both Police and Fire. The typical shower, wedding, graduation party, etc. held during normal business hours are not the problem.

Mr. Horn state they would like to still be allowed to rent on weekends from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Connie Gabaci, Willis Rd resident thanked the Cpt. Luke for his explanation of the incidents and asked if there is a curfew for children in the Community? Det. Toth advised the curfew applies to youth under the age of 16.

Kaye Harris, Sumpter Road resident – Comments regarding the October 31, 2014 incident. Ms. Harris stated she has not been able to obtain a police report on this incident. Det. Toth stated because the investigation is on- going and under the FOIA requirements the incident report cannot be released.

Dan Talbot, Evert St. Milan – Mr. Talbot supported the roller rink and state his family have taken lesson at the rink for years without any incidents.

Willard Green, Birch Tree Ct.- Supported the Roller Rink

Carrie Albert, Clay Road - Supported the Roller Rink and stated the community needs someplace for the children to go. The owners are doing their best to keep the rink open but need to have other events to help support the rink.

Arsel Harris, Sumpter Road – Asked that the Commission not revoke the Special Exemptions permit.

Jane Albert, Clay Road – Spoke in favor of the Roller Rink

Rob Young, Attorney reminded the Commission this issue was sent back to the Planning Commission from the Township Board because of the incidents that had been reported to the Board and the concerns they have for the safety of the residents. Mr. Young stated the original application listed weddings, birthday parties, graduation parties with no alcohol or drugs. Mt. Young stated the Commission should request Mr. Horn, to provide in writing, the exact uses of the roller rink – what type of parties, hours the parties will be held and a definition of the type of party.

5.A 2 Motion by Cichewicz supported by Oddy to close the public hearing at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried

5.A3 Motion by Cichewicz supported by Oddy to table the rescinding or amending of the Special Exception permit for the Sumpter Township Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road and set a Planning Commission meeting for March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. requesting the Mr. Horn , to provide in writing, the exact proposed uses of the roller rink – what type of parties, hours the parties will be held and a definition of the type of party. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Oddy asked the Township provide the exact number of people allowed to occupy the roller rink and that an assessment of the parking lot with the number of cars it will hold be provided to the Planning Commission for the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. New Business – None

7. Open Floor - John Chapman thanked the commission for their patients while he is getting his building on Sumpter Road ready to come before them.

8. Motion by Cichewicz supported by Claxton to adjourn the at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowman