

Pierson Township Planning Commission  
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd.  
Pierson, MI 49339

Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM

- A) Call to order: 7:00pm
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Roll Call Present: Ward, Smith, Lecceadone, Grice
- D) Minutes from the June 3, 2021 meeting approved
- E) Public Comment: Questions were raised by several township residents concerning the possible conversion of the Whitefish Golf Course into an RV park. At this point, the planning commission has not received permits, or applications from the new owner of the property. The residents were advised that such a project will require engineering studies, a final site plan, and permits obtained from the county before going to the planning commission for approval. Assuming all that happens, it will probably be 2 years from now before ground is broken.
- F) New Business:
  - 1. A motion was approved to adopt a new process for township planning. It would involve one member from the Planning Commission attending the site planning review meetings before those plans presented to the full Planning Commission. This change will create a process for site planning before public hearings (should they later be required).
  - 2. In an effort to clean up or eliminate unsightly vehicles, RVs, trailers, boats, etc. from front yards after a time period exceeding 7 days, the planning commission approved amending the township ordinance Section 4.30. subsection (c) and (d) to replace the words "R-1 District" to "all Districts". A motion was further approved for a public hearing about this on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. The planning Commission has created a subcommittee to address the definitions and regulations for accessory buildings in the township. Under other Michigan codes, these buildings are defined as permanent structures and do not include shipping containers, tent structures, semi-trailers, or storage cubes/pods. Jim Ward and Bill Grice have volunteered to study the language from other ordinances in the surrounding area, and to craft an ordinance for Pierson township. A public hearing will follow.

4. A special land use permit has been requested for an airplane landing strip near West Stanton road. Before the Planning Commission can decide, the applicant will need to appear before the commission at a public hearing to explain what they are planning. A site plan, formal application, and State/FAA approval will also need to be completed before the meeting is scheduled.
5. The new township board and clerk were recognized for their efforts in going through and organizing the previous township records and documents. This will help the Planning Commission in focusing its attention on land use, rather than code issues.

G) Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.