

**Pierson Township Planning Commission  
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Pierson, MI 49339**

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**Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2022 at 7:00PM**

- A) Call to order: 7:00pm
- B) Pledge of allegiance
- C) Roll Call Present: Grice, Ward, Ericksen, Lecceadone, Smith, Dunneback
- D) Minutes from the March 24, 2022 meeting approved.
  
- E) Public Comment: The township board and planning commission have received letters concerning the proposed RV park on the whitefish golf course from Don and Gerri Knottnerus, David M. Cornelius, Gage W. DeVries, PLM Lake & Land Management Corp., Kevin and Diane Gilfillan, Michael Dazy, Janet A. Moore, Craig and Debbie Kinney, and James M. Hatch.
  
- F) New Business:
  - a. Industrial and Commercial District Ordinance Updates: Deputy Supervisor Gates reported that there are currently no specific ordinances on the books for storm water retention or accessory buildings. It is important that the township update its zoning ordinances and create guidelines in accordance with the county and state, so that the township is prepared as it continues to develop into the future. Lance Gates, Tyler Lecceadone, and Jeff Smith will work together on this project.
  - b. Discussion of a Special Land Use Permit for a landing strip. Dan Clegg approached the PC with a diagram for the construction of a 60x2240' landing strip near the south east corner of Stanton and Jones roads in accordance with the requirements set forth in township Zoning Ordinance page 15-10, Section 15.22. If the strip cannot be completed in 1 year, an application for an additional 1 year construction extension could be granted. Before approval of the Special Land Use Permit, all necessary paperwork from the county, state, and FAA will need to be completed, letters will have to go out to all neighboring property owners with 300 feet of the project, and a public hearing will also need to be scheduled. A motion for a possible public hearing on May 26 was passed.

G) Ongoing Business:

Discussion about making any changes in the ordinance for accessory buildings revealed this to be a complex topic when the different needs of agricultural and residential property owners are taken into account. Considerations concerning property size, income verses hobby farming, and the number and size of buildings allowable were covered. It may become necessary for the township to hire a public planner to define the language for accessory buildings, and to write these ordinance sections. Any public hearing on this subject will need to be delayed until the above details have been worked out.

H) Training for Planning Committee Members:

Deputy Supervisor Gates suggested that when able, our PC members try to take additional training courses/classwork pertaining to the roles and laws concerning planning commissions. Live and online classes are currently available through the Michigan Township Association partnered with the state, and the Michigan State Co-operative extension. Any tuition costs for these classes will be paid by the township.

I) Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.