

Nelson Township  
Planning Commission Minutes  
May 17, 2006

Chairman Grifhorst called the regular planning commission meeting to order at 7:00 pm., held at the Nelson Township Municipal building, 2 Maple Street, Sand Lake, Michigan. Commissioners present: Grifhorst, Wier, McKown, Schalk, and Hoffman. Dignum arrived at 7:05 p.m. Absent: **Stolk**. Also present was Jerry Gross, zoning administrator and Ross Leisman, Township attorney. There were seven residents present.

A motion made by Commission Schalk and supported by Commissioner McKown that the minutes from April 19, 2006, are approved as submitted. Yes - 6. No - 0. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment for issues not on the agenda:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

**Pine Ridge Bible Camp Special Land Use**

Chairman Grifhorst turned the meeting over to Co-Chairman McKown at 7:05 pm. Motion by Commissioner **Wier** and supported by Hoffman to remove the Special Land Use for Pine Ridge Bible Camp from the table. Support Yes – 7. No – 0. Motion carried.

Co-Chairman McKown opened the floor to John House, construction manager for the Pine Ridge Bible Camp. Mr. House stated that the Soil Erosion permit from Kent County Road Commission maintain a minimum of 15' buffer between earth change and surface water or wetlands; Storm water runoff is directed to the sedimentation basin as shown on the site plan dated April 19, 2006; No permanent or temporary fill shall be placed in any floodplain, wetland, or surface water area not specifically authorized by the Michigan Department of Environment Quality; Additional thirty-seven (37) parking spaces were included.

The applicant will submit a letter under general comments the total number of employees for the proposed dining hall are two (2), and agreed to increase the paved portion of the existing parking lot to four (4), for future employees.

The following resolution was offered by Wier and supported by Dignum as amended. Yes -5; No – 0. Abstain 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL LAND USE FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF A DINING/KITCHEN AND RETREAT BUILDING  
AT AN EXISTING PRIVATE CAMPGROUND. (PINE RIDGE BIBLE CAMP)  
Resolution attached.

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**New Business**

**Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

Ross Leisman, township attorney discussed the zoning ordinance amendments that are required to comply with Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. The following amendments are necessary to comply with the Act which takes effect July 1, 2006:

- **Notice and Public Hearing Requirements**
- **Authority to Grant Use Variance**
- **Persons Entitled to Appeal ZBA Decisions**
- **References to Township Zoning Act**

A motion by Commissioner McKown and supported by Schalk to set June 21, 2006 as the public hearing date for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Yes – 6. No -0. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the commissioner's.

Without objection the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next regular Planning Commission meeting will be Wednesday, July 19, 2006.

Laura Hoffman, Secretary

**Minutes were corrected and approved on June 21, 2006**