

Town of Merton
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes of June 15, 2016

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Nawrocki at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Nawrocki
- Minutes of the May 18th, 2016 Public Hearing & Plan Commission Meeting. A motion to approve both the Plan Commission Minutes and the Public Hearing Minutes was approved by Morris/Good. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Nawrocki, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Attorney Chapman, Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas.

Absent: Commissioners Fleming and Klink

Also Present: Mr. & Mrs. Cerfus and Charles & Jenna Whelan and family

Old Business: None

New Business:

Raymond Becker Rev Trust – Pleasant View Road – Conceptual Land Division – Divide 77 Acres into 2 Parcels – MRTT0311-999-001 – Haroldson stated they plan on surveying off 20 acres. The Town doesn't allow that many accessory buildings without knowing what they will be used for. The Whelan family plans to start farming and get the house updated. They plan to have chickens and maybe pigs. They would like to grow medicinal herbs and culinary herbs and they hope to commence by spring. There would be a small pond, but no fish. The lean-to would be a food area. The barn would be for goats and eventually a pig or horse. The pole barn would be a storage area for tractor, trailer, and equipment. The shed would hold his truck and would also be his work area for his personal use. The corn crib would be for peacocks. The garden shed they would like to use as a smoke shed. The milk house would be the hen house.

Siepmann had concerns about the 186' remnant strip because it doesn't make the 53 ½ acres very unusable and questioned the reason for doing that, questioned the lot lines, development in the future, and farming. Good stated he agreed with Siepmann.

Griffin stated it was a good idea and they could acquire the 3 ½ acres later. Jensen stated that she agreed and gave them a nod to go ahead, but not to be used as a business. Morris said it was definitely ok and is a good use and they would be keeping it agriculture.

Joe Liethen, Center Oak Road – Request to Increase Height for Accessory Structure – MRTT0291-023 – The Liethen's would like to building an accessory building with a height of 24 ½ feet and it meets the required offsets.

A motion to approve as presented was made by Fleming/Morris. Motion carried.

Planner Update:

Fence Ordinance: Haroldson stated that there are problems with fences on the lake side of properties. There was discussion on split rail fencing. Privacy fences should not be allowed on lakes. For dogs on lakes they should get invisible fencing. Natural products should only be used. Fencing could be on the sides of lake properties, but not by the lake.

Parks Update: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Siepmann, Jensen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk