

MINUTES OF THE SANILAC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL LAND USE HEARING April 4, 2019

Members present: Falls, Dear, Milarch, Schlichting

Members absent: Haman, Walker

Guest in Attendance (11): Zoning Administrator O'Keefe, Kevin Maher, Renzie Milarch, Jeff Lyall, Marc Reisner, Larry Palleschi, Mark Burkhardt, Fiona Fisher, Dwayne Messing, Barb Messing, Sue Geiger

Chair Falls opened the Public Hearing for a Special Land Use Permit for Kevin Maher at 7:04 P.M., and asked for public comment beginning with Mr. Maher.

The applicant for the Special Land Use Permit, Kevin Maher, stated that the pole building was for personal storage (antique cars and personal stuff). He stated that it would contain a bathroom, a 1500 gallon holding tank, and possibly a well. He also stated that it would be non-commercial use, and that he didn't intend to cut any more trees than necessary.

Jeff Lyall - Asked what is the size of the building?

Kevin Maher - The building would be 30 ft. X 48 ft.

Renzie Milarch - Asked why did he need a special use and public hearing to build a pole barn? Asked someone to explain the part of the ordinance and purpose of the meeting.

Jan O'Keefe - Explanation from Article 4, Section 4.8.2 and from Article 6, Section 6.43 on why a special land use and public hearing was needed.

Dwayne Messing - Asked if Todd Patterson can have the business that he has, why is it such a problem for this man to just build a pole building. Said it doesn't make sense.

Discussion: Dear and Schlichting clarified the reason for the public hearing. Jeff Lyall mentioned that the area where Patterson's business was is zoned Industrial rather than Commercial.

Fiona Fisher - Expressed concern about the appearance of the building.

Chair Falls showed the picture of the building that was part of the Special Land Use Permit.

Mark Burkhardt - Questioned the difference between a pole barn and a self-storage facility.

Kevin Maher & Marc Reisner - Explained the construction and appearance of the building as being stick built with 4" X 6" beams, and the outside appearance similar to the Tubbs storage building in the same area.

Renzie Milarch - Questioned the need for the Section 6.43 Self-Storage Questionnaire since Mr. Maher would not be selling anything from his building. Schlichting explained the distinction in the ordinance between private and commercial storage facilities and the need for a Special Land Use Permit.

Chair Falls closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 due to no further public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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