

**LEROY TOWNSHIP  
8156 4 Mile Road  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER-**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mike Chisholm at 6:00pm

**ROLL CALL-**

Members present: Mike Chisolm, Mike VanHouten, Phil Qualls, Carol Biggs and Travis Arbogast.

Members excused: Pete VanVranken and Jon Bolton

Others present: Yvonne Kipp, Township Supervisor Laveta Hardish and Township Zoning Consultant Rob Behnke.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES-**

A motion was made by Mike VanHouten to approve the November 8, 2017 meeting minutes, supported by Carol Biggs. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-**

There were no public comments.

**KIPP CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST PUBLIC HEARING-**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Vice Chair Mike Chisholm 6:02pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear a request from Ms. Yvonne Kipp, 6217 ½ Mile Road. Ms. Kipp would like to operation a dog kennel on her property.

Ms. Kipp explained that she purchased the property at 6217 ½ Mile Road as a foreclosed property. The property currently has 6 indoor/outdoor kennel spaces which were constructed by the previous owners who raised and sold chow-chows. The property has double fencing around the kennel area. She did contact the county about a dog license. The Deputy Sheriff in charge indicated that he would conduct an inspection of property and kennel if her conditional use permit is approved by the Leroy Township Board.

Board members discussed the requirements for a dog kennel as outlined under the Leroy Township Zoning Ordinance. It appears that Ms. Kipp meets those requirements.

There were no public comments.

**CLOSURE OF PUBLIC HEARING-**

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:10pm by Vice Chair Mike Chisholm.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

A motion was made by Travis Arbogast to recommend to the Leroy Township Board the approval of the KIPP conditional use permit as it relates to the operation of a dog kennel at 6217 ½ Mile Road, supported by Phil Qualls. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

**TOWNSHIP UPDATES-**

Township Supervisor Laveta Hardish explained the new update road proposal submitted by the Calhoun County Road Department. The cost has risen from \$8 million to \$14 million to resurface all of the local roads in Leroy Township. Another road proposal request may be placed on the August 2018 ballot. She also discussed the possibility of developing a 5 year Parks and Recreation Plan for Leroy Township. This would allow the township to apply for DNR grant monies for a possible park development on 55 acres the township owns along M-66 near the City of Battle Creek border. This development could include walking trails, disc golf and a dog park. The adopted plan would also allow for park improvements in and around the township owned water landing on Graham Lake.

Travis Arbogast indicated that the Zoning Board of Appeals had not met again since their September 27, 2017 meeting. There are no pending variance requests.

Township Zoning & Blight Consultant Rob Behnke mentioned that the Township had been contacted about a possible mini-storage facility as well as a new church. Both possibly located along Capital Avenue, SW.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS-**

No comments

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR-**

The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is March 7, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

A motion was made by Travis Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm, supported by Carol Biggs. Motion carried with unanimous support. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BEHNKE  
Zoning Consultant  
Acting Secretary