

Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
**SOUTH HAVEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

(Approved July 5, 2017)

- 1) **Call to Order : 7:31 PM**
- 2) **Role Call:**

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| Larsen  | present |
| Tippman | present |
| Meeks   | present |
| Kiry    | present |
| Odland  | present |
| Meyer   | excused |
| Raue    | present |

Also present: Patrick Hudson, Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary  
David Ivan, MSU-E; Larry Heinnig; Jenna Levin, ZA City of South Haven
- 3) **Approval of the Agenda:**

MOTION by Odland to accept the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Raue, motion approved 6-0
- 4) **Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION: By Kiry to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017 as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tippman. Approved 6-0
- 5) **Public Hearing:**
  - a. None
- 6) **Public Comment non-agenda items**
  - a. None.
- 7) **New Business**
  - a. **Jake's Fireworks – temporary use permit**

Hudson presented the application indicating that it is the same as the five previous years.  
Tippman noted that there have been no complaints in past years. Kiry suggested that this could be handled administratively in the future.  
MOTION by Tippman to approve the application as submitted. Second by Tippman Motion approved 6-0
- 8) **Unfinished Business**
  - a. **Electronic Messaging Signs discussion.**

Hudson presented a sample text derived from the new Kalamazoo Township ordinance.  
Larsen asked if there really is a problem  
Odland said that we should be taking steps to avoid future problems as these types of signs are becoming prevalent  
Larsen – we should keep it simple and questioned a number of provisions  
Odland supported some of Larsen's suggestions  
Meeks said that we need a diagram  
Commission agreed that Hudson should prepare another draft
  - b. **M-140 setbacks**

Larsen reviewed the table prepared for the March meeting – is this a problem  
Tippman described a case before the ZBA  
Kiry gave a history of the M-140 right-of-way  
Discussion – Commissioners asked Hudson to draft a text amendment to reduce the major street setback to 35 feet.

9) **Staff & Subcommittee Report**

a. **Maps**

Hudson reported that the County is preparing new maps and will have 11"x17" maps for the Planning Commission and ZBA

10) **Communications & Public Comment**

a. **David Ivan – MSU-E presentation**

Dr. Ivan spoke for 45" on Small Town Success Stories

Joint discussion with City Planning Commission Chairman Heinnig and City Zoning Administrator/Planner Jenna Levin.

Larsen & Heinnig to arrange a joint meeting of the City & Township planning commissions

11) **Commissioner Comments**

a. none.

12) **Adjournment**

Chairman adjourned the meeting @ 8:56 PM

Submitted by Patrick Hudson, Zoning Administrator