

**SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Call to Order: Robert Ebmeyer called the regularly scheduled monthly public hearing of the Shiawassee County Planning Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. on November 18th, 2015. The hearing was held within the County Board of Commissioners' meeting room located on the first floor of the Surbeck Building, 201 N. Shiawassee Street, in Corunna, MI.

Roll Call: Present: Bonnie Reno, Walt Saxton, John Horvath and Robert Ebmeyer. Absent: Steve Andrews, Bonnie Ott and William Thelen.

Also present: Peter Preston, Community Development Director and Matthew Lafferty, Land Use Planner.

Excused Absences: **Motion:** Noting that Steve Andrews, Bonnie Ott and William Thelen had stated they would be unable to attend prior to the tonight's meeting, Reno moved to excuse them. **Support:** Horvath. **Motion carried:** 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ebmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Proof of Publication: The board was informed that a legal notice of the scheduled hearing was placed within the Shiawassee County Independent Newspaper on November 1st, 2015. Ebmeyer declared the hearing as legally noticed.

Approval of the Agenda: **Motion:** Saxton moved to approve the agenda as printed. **Support:** Reno. **Motion carried:** 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Board Minutes: **Motion:** Reno moved to approve the October 28, 2015 board minutes as printed. **Support:** Saxton. **Motion carried:** 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Board of Commissioner Comments: None.

Call to the Public on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Application Request #PSUP15-10

Applicant/Owner – Melissa Myers

Site Location – 9975 W. Winegar Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848; Tax Id.# 78-013-04-300-002, Section 4, Woodhull Township.

Request – Special Land Use & Site Plan approval for a Community Residential Care Facility for six (6) to twelve (12) children.

Ordinance Reference – Section 4.3.17, Community Residential Care Facilities

Ebmeyer opens the public hearing and asks for the staff report.

Preston presents the staff report.

Ebmeyer asks the applicant to explain the proposal and why it should be approved.

Melissa Myers explains her proposal for the day care which included the layout of fencing, parking and utilization of the home for the day care along with hours of operation to be from 7:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M.

Ebmeyer called for other comments in support of the applicant. Ebmeyer said that they had received eight letters in support of the applicant.

Ebmeyer called for other comments from the Township. Beverly Lang representing Woodhull Township noted that the Township Planning Commission and the Township Board had recommended approval of the Special Use Permit.

Ebmeyer called for comments in opposition of the applicant. Hearing none, Ebmeyer closed the public hearing.

The Planning Commission deliberated.

Motion: Reno moves to approve PSUP15-10, MYERS, Special Land Use Permit/Final Site Plan request for a community residential care facility to be located on the south side of W. Winegar Rd., and as legally described in Section 4 of Woodhull Township (Tax I.D. #078-013-04-300-002) based on the following reasoning:

Reasoning:

1. Subject to the conditions provided below, it is found that the petitioned special land use meets the general standards as provided for in Article 12 of the Ordinance.
2. Subject to the conditions provided below, it is found that the petitioned site plan with the additional fencing mentioned by the applicant for a community residential care facility meets the general standards as provided for in Article 14 and specific use standards set forth under Section 4.3.17.

Support: Horvath.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes to approve: Bonnie Reno, Walt Saxton, Robert Ebmeyer and John Horvath. **Nays:** None. **Motion carries:** 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance Revision: Preston said that they are working on revising Article 4 of the Ordinance.

Future Planning: Preston said that they are almost done with updating the Master Plan and are working on language for wind energy and the 2.5-acre regulation.

Parks and Recreation: Reno said that they had a special meeting last week and was in review of the Parks Plan workshop. They looked at priorities such as Shiatown County Park. Their next meeting is set for January 14th, 2016 from 6:00 P.M to 7:30 P.M.

Gravel Committee: Preston said that they will start site reviews when the weather is permitting.

Communications Received: None.

Directors Comments: None.

Public Comments: Beverly Land from Woodhull Township said that with group child care it seems that the State has regulations, and why not make it something the Zoning Administrator can approve.

Adjournment: Motion: Reno moved to adjourn. **Support:** Horvath. **Motion carried:** 4 ayes, 0 nays. The public hearing adjourned at approximately 7:35 P.M.

Recording Secretary – Matthew Lafferty

Approval Signature,
Shiawassee County Planning Commission

Approval Date