

Columbia Township Planning Commission  
July 5, 2005

Members Present: May, Holmstrom, Parker, Gaede, Watkins, Baker, Wahr

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gaede.

Gaede explained rules of hearings.

Issue: Kaye Don and Judy Phillips, requested a conditional permit on property known as 3656 Jefferson Rd. Clark Lake, MI. , ADP# 000-19-18-376-003-00, to process firewood from logs and limbs removed from other people's land and their own 40 acre farm to use privately and also to sell.

A next door neighbor, Philip Sutton, 3552 Jefferson Rd. Clark Lake, MI., questioned why a conditional permit was needed. He is in complete support of the Phillips sale of firewood.

Another neighbor, Donna Howard, 3643 Jefferson Rd. Clark Lake, MI. , had no objection and was in complete support.

Four neighbors sent letters in support:

Howard, Alber, Ogden and Rick and Tammy Keller. These are on file, also 4 pictures of the operation.

The Phillips have help from their son, Robert Phillip, 109 Willow, Jackson, MI.

They bring in logs, process them with a saw mill. They sell the firewood. It is sold in quantity, no scalping. They are following state guidelines. The Phillips have lived on the land since 1955.

A motion by Watkins, 2nd. by Parker that it be ruled that the operation falls within AG permitted use and no further action needs to be taken, as it's noted that it is not a logging or lumber business.

A roll call vote as taken. Ayes all.

The planning commissions recommends that there be a refund to the Phillips for the conditional use fee.

A motion by May, 2nd. by Wahr to accept the June 7, 2005 minutes with the typo correction, "due" instead of "do".

The letter from Diane and Joe Rogers was reviewed. After discussion, it was decided that it is not a zoning issue, but a police issue.

This letter is on file

The memo from Ray was reviewed and discussed:

- A. Are there restrictions on how long RV's can park on private land?
- B. Are there any restriction on the size of lot/acres to RV ratio?
- C. Any restrictions for travel trailers?

On pages 70 and 71 in the ordinance, the restrictions are listed, Section 7.7, item B and C.

1. Both RV's and travel trailers are allowed to park one week.
2. State campground permits are required for 5 or more units.
3. All units must match the setbacks required for the home.

This memo is on file.

Motion by Holmstrom, 2nd. by May to adjourn. Ayes all.

Beverly Wahr



Acting Secretary