TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Torch Lake Township

Planning Commission Special Meeting

Community Service Building

APPROVED Minutes

March 8, 2019

**Present:**  Shoemaker, Stridiron, Kulka, Carleton, Jorgensen, Petersen

**Absent:**Goossen

**Others:**   Grobbel, Graber

**Audience:**  4 attendees

**Recording Secretary:** J. Petersen

**1.**    **Call to Order Special Meeting:**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Kulka

Kulka summarized purpose of meeting to discuss Outdoor event planning

Documents reviewed and discussed were

1. Revised Proposed -8-19 Chapter VI Section 6.0 SPECIAL USE
2. Version 2 (2-16-19) ‘Temporary Outdoor Uses.”
3. Version 2 (2-16-19) Agricultural Zone
4. Chapter X Revised Proposed New Section 10.03 Item P: “Chapter 10-VR VB Version 2 Draft 3-8-19”

**2.    Public Commentary:**

Kulka called for public comment

Carleton read a letter received via email to the township from TLT resident Cathy McAuliff speaking in favor of the township regulating and restricting outdoor events in agricultural zones.

**3.   Agriculture / Outdoor Events**

The group read, reviewed and discussed the proposals and concepts provided by Chris Grobbel and Deb Graber.

Motion by Petersen to accept version titled “Revised Proposed 3.8.19” Adding to Chapter VI; Section 6.03 SPECIAL USES; as follows and schedule a public meeting to adopt the following:

4. Private events such as weddings, corporate picnics, birthday parties, conferences, etc. provided the following conditions are met in addition to those required in Section 17.01;

1. The property has sufficient parking to support the event.
2. All food and beverages must be prepared off site.
3. Any music or entertainment provided must be for background purposes and not the featured item of the activity. Noise emanating from any event shall not result in the unreasonable interference with the comfortable use and enjoyment of another’s property.
4. Outside activities shall be completed during daylight hours.

Motion seconded by Stridiron; Kulka called for final discussion and a vote was taken; passing 6/0.

**4. Village Business Outdoor Events**

The group read, reviewed and discussed the proposals and concepts provided by Chris Grobbel and Deb Graber.

Motion by Petersen to accept version titled “Chapter 10-VR VB Version 2 Draft 3-8-19” Revised Proposed 3-8-19

Section 10.03 - SPECIAL USES; adding to the end of the paragraph the following;

“ The following uses may be permitted within Village Business (VB) District upon approval as a Special Use by the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 17.01:”

AND ADDING ITEM P. AS FOLLOWS:

P. Outdoor Events

Motion Seconded by Shoemaker; Kulka called for final discussions and a vote was taken; passing 6/0

Motion made by Petersen to add the following definition to Chapter XXIII of the Zoning Ordinance

“Outdoor Events: Activities or events taking place primarily outdoors, such as; weddings, receptions, banquets, gatherings, outdoor sales or similar activities.”

Motion was seconded by Shoemaker; vote was taken; passing 6/0

Graber will call county to ask them to put the three items mentioned above on the agenda for their next meeting as well as publish notice for the public hearing regarding the same. The Next regular PC Meeting will be held on 3/12/19, and the public hearing will be scheduled for 3-29-19.

**5. Public Commentary**

Tom Petersen 12232 Hjelte Road - Kewadin

Tom asked about a special use permit timeline and clarification that any special land use permits go with the property in perpetuity and do not follow the property owner.

Kulka called for any further public comment and none was offered

**6. Meeting Adjourned** by Kulka at 8:08pm