

Baroda Township Planning Commission  
Minutes  
September 9, 2019

On September 9, 2019 the Baroda Township Planning Commission met in the Baroda Municipal Building meeting room at 9091 First Street, Baroda. Present were David Schultz, Dean Schmaltz, Tom Shafer, Brenda Troxell, Dennis Krotzer, Peter Van Vooren and Barbara Sukys along with Secretary Wendie Shafer, Clerk Christina Price and four audience members. Chairman David Schultz opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Dean Schmaltz moved, Seconded by David Schultz to approve the minutes. Vote – all Yes. Motion Carried.

The Building and Zoning Report for August was presented by Wendie Shafer who reported there were permits for 5 re-roofs, 1 chimney reconstruction, and 1 home remodel issued in August.

The commissioners discussed the Ordinance and Special Land Use Permit (S.L.U.P.) violations on the Nimby Pond property owned by Mark Schutze. It was noted that in addition to violating the Zoning and Township ordinances by renting an illegal cabin on his property several of the conditions of his S.L.U.P. are also being violated on a regular basis.

Christina Price, Township Clerk gave a report on the police reports for the past 2 years which indicated that assault incidences have occurred that were alcohol related. Violations of the NIMBY Pond S.L.U.P cited were Point # 2 only 2 one-day events. There have been multiple events besides the NIMBY Pond races; Point # 4 No overnight camping of which Mark himself talked about at the August meeting; Point # 8 No “sanctioned” events There have been raffles, and other events where money was collected for charity; Point # 9 Violations not remedied in the prescribed timeframe. The rental cabin for which he received a cease and desist order on August 6, 2019 was not complied with, failure to request an amendment to his S.L.U.P site plan; Point #26 No campfires allowed, where camping and campfires were allowed. It was noted that selling and combining portions of his property so that the property ID numbers for his original site plan for his NIMBY Pond S.L.U.P. no longer exist has rendered his S.L.U.P. void.

It was discussed and decided that the Planning Commission will issue a registered letter to Mark Schutze informing him that a formal review of NIMBY Pond will be held on Monday October 14. Letters are to be sent notifying the neighbors of the review who reside at the addresses listed in the original notification for the NIMBY Pond S.L.U.P.

A letter will be written to the Township Board asking for their support for the Planning Commission to move forward with rescinding the NIMBY Pond S.L.U.P. and to involve the Township attorney, Charlie Ammeson, in taking the next steps to compel the cessation of renting the illegal cabin on the Schutze property.

Annual reviews were scheduled to be held on October 14, 2019 for Worthenbury House Tourist home and Among the Vineyards Bed and Breakfast. The property owners are to be sent letters notifying them of these proceedings.

There was no other audience comment.

Chairman David Schultz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday October 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Wendie Shafer

Baroda Township Planning Commission Secretary