

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

February 19, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond McQuillan, Chairman; Robert Simmons, Vice Chairman; Gordon Heins, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak, Recreation Planning Commission Liaison; Richard Erhardt, Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison; Stephen Artz, George Gancsos and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dennis Hackett Secretary; Patrick Dunigan

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The meeting was called to order by R. McQuillan, Chairman, on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

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A motion was made by G. Heins, supported by R. Erhardt, to approve the January 22, 2008 minutes of the Planning Commission as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Ray McQuillan appointed Richard Erhardt as Acting Secretary in the absence of Dennis Hackett.

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**Case # 08-02-0002**—Request for rezoning from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2) at the location of 205-209 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Jackson, MI for the proposed use as a pet grooming facility and pet care facility at the 209 17<sup>th</sup> Street location. Applicant: Linda Dake 3940 Fayette Ct., Jackson, MI. Owner: Robele Investments, 3700 Sargent Road, Jackson, MI 49201.

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by G. Heins, supported by S. Artz, to recommend to the Township Board approval of the rezoning request for the entire parcel number 595-13-04-105-003-03 measuring 150' x 225', from Local Commercial (C-1) to General Commercial (C-2). Motion carried unanimously.

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**Case # 08-02-0003**—Request for group childcare home for 7-12 children. Applicant: Kija Hamilton, 353 Prairie St. Jackson, MI 49203. Owner: Timothy Hamilton (Husband) 353 Prairie Street, Jackson, MI 49203.

Many Planning Commission members questioned the fencing of Mrs. Hamilton's property as is not completely fenced at the current time. The hours of operation, are a concern as Mrs. Hamilton mentioned that she will be caring for children of employees at the prison who will be working second shift. Mrs. Hamilton was advised that the current Summit Township ordinance allows for a 16 hour window of operation only.

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by S. Artz, supported by G. Gancsos to recommend to the Township Board approval of the request for a day care facility for 7-12 children with the hours of operation to be 6:30 am to 10:30 pm., 7 days per week. This motion is contingent upon the completion of a fence that encloses all four sides of the property in the area children will be playing by May 1, 2008 with a fence permit being applied for and approved. Also, any required permits for a sign, if Mrs. Hamilton chooses to erect a sign on her home. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Case # 08-02-0001**—Request for a child daycare home for 7-12 children. Applicant: Jennifer Scears 564 Robinson Rd. Jackson, MI 49203 Owner: Jennifer Scears & Mohammad Samara, 564 Robinson Road, Jackson, MI 49203

Planning Commission members discussed the hours of operation, fencing and the number of children Ms. Scears would be responsible for. Ms. Scears stated she would like to put a sign on the home. R. McQuillan explained that the regulations of size and placement must have approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion was made by S. Artz, supported by R. Erhardt, to recommend to the Township Board approval of the request for a day care facility for up to 12 children with the hours of operation from 5 am to 6 pm, 5 days a week with all other requirements having been met. Motion carried unanimously.

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All parties were advised that the Planning Commission is only advisory to the Township Board and that final consideration of the recommendations will at the March 25, 2008 of the Township Board.

J. Worden gave all Planning Commission members an MTA newsletter indicating that the state will be consolidating the three planning acts as of September 2008. Also, Grant Bauman from Region 2 Planning has revised the cost estimate for the five (5) extensions of the Land Use Plan. The cost will not exceed \$2100.00 and will most likely be in the area of \$1500.00. The required public hearing will probably not be until May 2008.

A motion was made by S. Artz, supported by G. Heins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard Erhardt, Acting Secretary  
Summit Township Planning Commission