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3 **Regular Meeting**
4 **Goodland Township Planning Commission**
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6 **August 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM**
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8 Chair Bob Van Den Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at Goodland Township
9 Hall, 2374 N Van Dyke Rd, Imlay City, MI 48444; pursuant to notice duly posted.

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11 Board Members present: Foltz, Van Den Berg, Kohler, Steckly, Juip, Roszczewski,
12 Bissett (Juip left at 8:05)

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14 Board Members absent: Recording Sec. Amy Nolin

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16 Others present: Goodland Township Attorney, Bob Seibert, George Foltz, Ron
17 Cischke, Michael Sage, (DTE), Jim Louwsma, Corine Louwsma, Sallie Walker, Tom
18 Walker, Mary Ellen Kaiser, Brian Houlihan, Denise Houlihan, Stephen Groat.

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20 Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

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22 **Agenda**

23 **Motion** by Bob Van Den Berg, second by Foltz to approve the agenda

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25 **Motion carried.**

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27 **Approval of Minutes**

28 **Motion** by Juip second by Kohler to approve minutes of June 27, 2019.

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30 **Motion carried**

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32 **Meeting closed** at 7:03 PM hearing opened at 7:04 for 6675 Wagner Rd Event Barn
33 Discussion on wedding barn application. Neighbors present, some for, some against,
34 because of the noise factor and discussion on available parking during wet weather.
35 Consensus of the Planning Commission is that this is Ag-Res and as it would be a
36 Commercial operation it would not be a good fit and not a permitted use in Ag. Noise and
37 parking were also a factor.
38 Planning Commission recommends that she do more research into daytime type
39 activities, such as Yoga Studio, Day Care etc. which were some of the things that Mrs.
40 Walker said that she was interested in doing along with weddings. Application withdrawn
41 for now, might apply at a later date. There will not be a charge when they come back in
42 with more information.

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45 **Hearing Closed at 7:50 PM**
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47 **Meeting reopened at 7:51 PM**

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49 **Public Time** No one wished to speak

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51 **Unfinished Business**

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53 **A. 801 Mining Ordinance**

54 Discussion with lawyer on pits. Pits established before 801 was instituted are non
55 conforming but legal as long as they are not expanded. Ok to charge permits
56 yearly but not necessary to inspect.

57 Discussion on pits, Town Board needs to bill them every year for permits and
58 inspection. Roszczewski again suggested that a copy of the inspection be stapled
59 to the minutes. All agreed.

60 Discussion on problem of some pits being used as junk yards. Per Siebert this is a
61 Health Dept problem, and blight. Also suggested to call the state agencies, EPA
62 etc.

63 We can't fine them for using the pit as a junk yard, we need to use the correct
64 category as stated above to be able to defend in court.

65 Suggestion to record PC meetings, and also to have any refund checks go before
66 the Township Board and the Planning Commission.

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68 **Bob Seibert left at 8:35 PM**

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70 **New Business discussed after Seibert left.**

71 **A.** Michael Sage, Marion Township, DTE representative.

72 Mr. Sage asked our intentions on recreational Marijuana. He said if we
73 approve a lot of growers it will increase the amount of power needed and
74 DTE wants to make sure they have enough capacity at the substation. Any
75 cost improvement to substation, is passed on to the consumer.

76 We are waiting to see what the Federal/State Govt does before deciding on
77 recreational.

78 Discussion on medical Marijuana, we have not opted out but if we decide to
79 opt in, can we limit the electrical draw, and allow in Commercial zone only
80 and on Class A roads.

81 Mr. Sage to come back to our Sept 12, 2019 meeting with more information,
82 and the Planning Commission will hold a special meeting.

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84 **B.** Norm Tanis spoke about property that he bought at the Southwest corner of
85 Van Dyke Rd and Reside Rd. He would like to rezone the frontage on Van
86 Dyke from Ag to Commercial, but at a later date. It would coordinate with
87 the property north of his, McTaggart and North Goodland Baptist Church, as
88 both have Commercial frontage.

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90 **Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM**

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92 Submitted by Lynne Foltz, Recording Secretary

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These minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.