

GRANT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

PRESENT: Chair; Laura Rodriguez, Brian Heminger, Edith Elsenheimer, Joel Newton, Pam Hawley, Tom Stuart and Kim Martens.

ABSENT: Tim Martis

In accordance to current rules set down for Covid-19, this meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Laura Rodriguez. As this was a Special use permit meeting, the board did not review the minutes from October 15, 2020 and will hold approval until December 17, 2020. Two representatives from Grant Christian School were in attendance,

Applicant request

The school is requesting permission to move a 20 x 24 cabin style building currently located on Gordon Street to parcel # 23-27-200-019 located at 13011 Poplar Ave. Grant 49327.

The purpose of the move would allow the school to expand their outdoor education program which presently consists of a chicken coop, orchard, raised beds and natural trails. They hope to add an outdoor classroom, goats, expanded trails, Native American villages, maple syrup production and agricultural practices.

This cabin would allow reenactment of historical life through agricultural construction and daily living practices.

The board had questions regarding placement on the property, what mode would be used to transport the building and if it would be dismantled before the move, lighting source once moved and if cooking demonstrations would be indoors or out of doors. Will the building meet requirements for classrooms by the state?

Responses were as follows:

- Moving the building in one piece is the preferred choice but will also require permission from City, Township, Road commission, and area law enforcement participation.
- Surety Bonds would be required for a whole building move
- School representatives state that the roof is not attached at this time and would be added after the building is set in place
- The building would meet all side yard and set back requirements set by the township in fact would be approximately 600' off the road.
- Syrup making/cooking would be outside the building
- Lighting source would be battery powered

After deliberation and questions were answered; Joel made a motion to approve the request with the following conditions:

- All necessary permits and permissions required by the Township, City and County are obtained/purchased
- Any Educational Structure requirements are met as well as license/farming practice guidelines be met

Tom, seconded the motion of approval and the board by roll call vote unanimously supported the motion to approve this request.

Gladys will draft a letter of approval and send out to the applicants.

The next meeting will be held Thursday December 17, 2020 at 7 pm.

Notes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Recording Secretary / Grant Township Clerk