

Port Sheldon Township Planning Commission  
October 24, 2018

Van Malsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: De Leeuw, Monhollon, Petroelje, Stump, Timmer, Van Ginhoven, Van Malsen

STAFF: Davis, Moore

**Motion by Van Ginhoven to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting, supported by DeLeeuw and carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Special Use Application from Brent Lokker/Lokker Automotive/Pigeon River Development to sell vehicles at 6755 Butternut Drive, parcel #70-11-22-300-080. Moore explained that the reason for the application is to amend the previous special use that was approved to add vehicle sales. Moore stated that state law requires a dealer's license if they sell more than 5 cars per year. Van Malsen opened the public hearing.

Applicant Lokker stated that he wants to fix vehicles that people don't want and sell them. He usually sells 5 cars per year now, but it could be more in the future.

Dennis Wright owns property across the street, stated he is concerned because at the Special Use Hearing on August 23, 2017, Lokker stated that he would not be selling vehicles. He is also concerned about traffic and that Lokker could allow other people to sell cars, boats, snowmobiles etc. and the site would become an eyesore.

Dennis De Jonge who developed storage units on a nearby property stated that he was not allowed to sell cars on that site and was also told he could not sell cars from his home property. He said that the auto body repair shop that used to be on Butternut Dr. was not allowed to sell cars. De Jonge is also concerned about increased traffic and speeds on Butternut Dr.

Nancy De Jonge expressed concern because the applicant previously said he did not want to sell vehicles, and is now changing his story.

Moore commented that the township board can request that the Ottawa County Road Commission and or Sheriff's Department look at speed limits and signage. Moore also advised that the planning commission can limit the number of cars for sale at a time, or the number sold in a year.

De Leeuw suggested tabling this request and checking out previous situations where like businesses were not allowed car sales.

Van Malsen commented that there are only 9 parking spaces now, which limits vehicles already.

Nancy DeJonge stated that there are 8-11 cars there already.

DeLeeuw again suggests tabling, researching and checking with the township attorney.

Lokker said he is not a hurry to do this.

Dennis Wright commented he is worried about other things being added for sale besides cars, like RVs, boats, jet skis, etc. Moore said we can specify cars and light trucks only.

Commissioners discussed tabling the request and having Davis check the minutes from the approval of DeJonge storage units to see what was approved.

**Motion by De Leeuw to table the request until the December 19, 2018 meeting, supported by Van Ginhoven and carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6: 58 p.m.

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Lori Stump, Secretary