# MINUTES OF THE COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals for Cooper Charter Township was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Members Present: Gluchowski, Urban, Magura, Flowers and Reynolds

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Russ Wicklund, Township Planning Consultant; Applicant,

William Moran and his Attorney, Dan Burns; Natalie Gilbert from Esquire Deposition Solutions, and Attorneys Craig Noland and

Michael Homier.

Chairperson Gluchowski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### Review and Approval of Minutes

It was noted that Attorney Michael Homier should be listed in the Minutes of the May 10, 2018, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting as an attendee. A Motion was made by Chairperson Gluchowski, supported by Comm. Urban, to approve the Minutes, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

<u>Interpretation of Cooper Township Ordinance - William Moran, 9489 Douglas Avenue (Parcel No. 08-426-016).</u>

Court reporter Natalie A. Gilbert from Esquire Deposition Solutions was present and prepared a transcript of the proceedings. The transcript is attached, incorporated by reference and, together with this document, shall constitute the entire minutes of the proceedings.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Urban, supported by Comm. Magura. Motion carried 5-0.

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# In the Matter Of:

### MORAN V. COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP

# **ZBA MEETING**

June 21, 2018



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10	COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP
11	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING
12	THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018
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16	COOPER CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
17	1590 WEST D AVENUE
18	KALAMAZOO, MI 49009
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21	REPORTED BY: Natalie A. Gilbert, CSR-4607 Certified Shorthand Reporter
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2	Thursday, June 21, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.
3	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: It is 4:30. We'll call
4	this meeting to order. Do I have a motion to approve the
5	minutes from the 5/10 meeting? Have you all read the
6	minutes of the 5/10 meeting?
7	STEPHEN MAGURA: When you say minutes, do you
8	mean the transcript?
9	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: No. The transcript is the
10	attachment part of it.
11	MICHAEL HOMIER: The minutes consist of two
12	documents, which include the transcript which is
13	attached.
14	STEPHEN MAGURA: I see the minutes now.
15	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: It's called Exhibit A.
16	I'll give you a moment to read those before a motion is
17	made.
18	MICHAEL HOMIER: Was that a motion to approve
19	the minutes as amended?
20	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I did make that motion, if
21	no one else would like to.
22	KEITH URBAN: It sounds like you got it.
23	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Is that a support?
24	KEITH URBAN: Did you make an official motion?
25	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Yes.



1 Yes. I'll support that motion. KEITH URBAN: 2 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: All in favor say aye. 3 MARK REYNOLDS: Aye. 4 CURT FLOWERS: Aye. 5 STEPHEN MAGURA: Aye. 6 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Opposed. Motion carried. 7 Next on our agenda is to have a closed session. 8 KEITH URBAN: Do you have to approve the 9 minutes of the meeting or not? 10 MICHAEL HOMIER: We just did. The minutes were 11 just approved. You supported. 12 Okay. I'd like to make a motion KEITH URBAN: 13 to adjourn to a closed session to discuss certain pending 14 litigation in the case of Moran versus Cooper Township, Case Number 2017-0134-CZ and to discuss a written 15 16 confidential legal opinion with the Township's attorneys. 17 This motion shall also include the Township's plan to 18 prosecute the claim. 19 MICHAEL HOMIER: There needs to be a role call 20 vote. 21 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Curt Flowers. 22 CURT FLOWERS: Yes. 23 Mark Reynolds. SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: 24 MARK REYNOLDS: Yes. 25 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Stephen Magura.



1	STEPHEN MAGURA: Yes.
2	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Keith Urban.
3	KEITH URBAN: Yes.
4	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Sheryl Gluchowski. Yes.
5	MICHAEL HOMIER: All right.
6	DAN BURNS: I would object that it shouldn't be
7	closed, but subject to that, you guys are going to do
8	what you want, but for the record, I think it should be
9	open.
10	MICHAEL HOMIER: It shouldn't be closed why?
11	DAN BURNS: This is part of the opening
12	meeting. I don't see anything on the agenda that it was
13	approved for a closed meeting.
14	MICHAEL HOMIER: This is the agenda. It says
15	closed session, and the reason for that is permissible
16	under the Open Meetings Act to discuss pending civil
17	litigation, which we've named both by title and by case
18	number.
19	DAN BURNS: Where is closed session on here?
20	MICHAEL HOMIER: To discuss a written
21	confidential legal opinion with the Township's attorneys.
22	DAN BURNS: Where does it say closed meeting?
23	MICHAEL HOMIER: Right here. You may have a
24	prior version of the agenda.
25	DAN BURNS: I have the one that was forwarded



1 to me. 2 MICHAEL HOMIER: I think it was updated since 3 then. 4 DAN BURNS: I'll just disagree. 5 inappropriate and I'll just object for the record. 6 MICHAEL HOMIER: Okay. I don't know if the 7 Township offices are open. They're closed now. 8 DAN BURNS: Do you want us to leave? 9 MICHAEL HOMIER: Yes. You're going to have to 10 at the present step out until we reopen. Off the record. 11 (Off the record at 4:36 p.m.) 12 (Back on the record at 5:29 p.m.) 13 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I would entertain a motion 14 to close the closed session and open an open session. 15 STEPHEN MAGURA: So moved. 16 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Support. 17 Support. CURT FLOWERS: 18 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: All in favor say aye. 19 MARK REYNOLDS: Aye. 20 KEITH URBAN: Aye. 21 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Aye. Opposed. Motion 22 carried. 23 MICHAEL HOMIER: All right. So we're back in 24 open session from a closed session to discuss a written 25 confidential legal opinion in the pending civil



litigation and I have provided to each of you a draft copy of the resolution.

As you may recall, we're here to consider questions that were put to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Court order and that is to provide an interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance as it applies to the applicant's pre-existing, nonconforming use aspects and in particular to state whether a change in the use and/or aspects of the property has occurred and to state the parameters of what is and is not permitted on the applicant's property under the Cooper Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

The ZBA I'm sure has certainly knowledge of the full parameters of the case but I just want to make I guess a record of an issue that was raised by Mr. Burns regarding Mr. Reynolds' involvement. Mr. Reynolds as you know is a member of the Planning Commission and he previously denied site plan review in that case because the site plan did not address all of the information necessary under the Zoning Ordinance that was upon application for site plan review.

Mr. Reynolds also participated on the ZBA to consider variances related to the property and an appeal on the Zoning Administrators determining that a site plan was required in the first place, but this issue is different inasmuch as there has never been an



interpretation requested, except now on remand from the Circuit Court, which is an entirely different issue than the others that Mr. Reynolds may have voted upon, and so my conclusion would be that Mr. Reynolds is permitted to consider and vote on the interpretation as remanded by the Circuit Court.

Now one other thing is that I have drafted a resolution dealing with this case. That resolution is before you. You need to consider the resolution or take some other action with respect to the case within the framework that I mentioned and that is provide an interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance as it applies to the property here and the pre-existing, nonconforming use aspects and in particular to state whether a change in the use and/or aspects of the property has occurred and to state the parameters of what is and is not permitted under the Township Zoning Ordinance, and with that, I will give the matter back to the Board.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Thank you. We're going to declare the public hearing open.

MICHAEL HOMIER: No. There is no public hearing. You've had the public hearing.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Comment.

MICHAEL HOMIER: This is -- well, you have to have public comment as part of the meeting but that



1 public comment can be anywhere on the agenda. So if you 2 want to allow public comment now, it's probably an issue 3 where you would want to put the public comment after 4 because we're already into I suppose the discussion and 5 deliberation of this particular matter. 6 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Okay. 7 STEPHEN MAGURA: I'd like to make a motion. 8 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Go ahead. 9 STEPHEN MAGURA: To approve that this 10 statement -- or to approve this resolution that we have 11 in front of us. 12 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I have a motion to approve Resolution Number ZBA 2018-01. Is there support? 13 14 CURT FLOWERS: I'll support. 15 DAN BURNS: Can we have that read into the 16 record? Right now it's not known what that is, if it's 17 part of the opening hearing, if it's an actual motion, 18 just if you could state what the actual language of that 19 is. 20 MICHAEL HOMIER: I don't necessarily have an 21 issue with doing it but I would note it's not a requirement of any law or statute that I'm aware of, 22 23 unless you can think of a different one.

DAN BURNS: I believe it's required.

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open.

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1 MICHAEL HOMIER: What's required? 2 DAN BURNS: That you state what the motion is. 3 It's got to be particular. MICHAEL HOMIER: The motion was to adopt 4 5 Resolution ZBA 2018-01. 6 DAN BURNS: Right, and that needs to be known 7 or attached or something. 8 MICHAEL HOMIER: No. I don't know what law 9 you're citing. 10 DAN BURNS: Open Meetings Act. 11 MICHAEL HOMIER: I think you said it's required 12 by the Opening Meetings Act. Do you have any particular 13 statutory reference or just generally? 14 DAN BURNS: I believe that it covers the fact 15 that anything attached to a motion has to be made open. 16 MICHAEL HOMIER: Okay. Well --17 DAN BURNS: I'm just looking for so it's on the 18 record. 19 MICHAEL HOMIER: I don't have any problem 20 reading it in there but I think your objection or your 21 request is unfounded and I don't believe the law provides 22 for any of that, either under the Open Meetings Act, FOIA 23 or the Zoning Enabling Act. That said, I can read it in 24 if you'd like. 25 DAN BURNS: I disagree but the logical



1 conclusion to not having it be an open --2 MICHAEL HOMIER: This is a public hearing, Dan, 3 so I said I would read it in, okay. All right. 4 Cooper Charter Township, Zoning Board of 5 Appeals, Resolution Number ZBA 2018-01, Zoning Ordinance 6 Interpretation. At a meeting of the Zoning Board of 7 Appeals of Cooper Charter Township, Kalamazoo County, 8 Michigan, held in the Township Hall, 1590 West D Avenue, 9 Kalamazoo, Michigan, on June 21, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Present and absent, a place for you to fill that in. 10 11 The following preamble and resolution was 12 offered by blank and seconded by blank. Whereas, William 13 and Jaqueline Moran, (the "Applicants"), own real 14 property located at 9489 Douglas Avenue in the Township 15 (the "Property"); and whereas, the Property had 16 previously been used as a ceramics store and a "Stretch A 17 Dollar", but the commercial portion of the building has 18 since been left vacant for at least six years; and 19 Whereas, the Applicants now wish to use the 20 Property as a "party store" for the sale of liquor; and 21 whereas, the Township Planning Commission has never 22 previously approved a site plan for such a use on the 23 Property; and whereas, on November 14, 2015, the 24 Applicants submitted a "Request for Site Plan Review" for 25 the use of the Property as a "party store" engaged in the



sale of, among other things, liquor on the Property. The submission also requested relief from the Township's Zoning Board of Appeals, including several variance requests; and

Whereas, the Township Board of Appeals held a meeting on February 26, 2016, to review the request. The minutes of the meeting indicated that the "Applicants concede that site plan review is required". Because there was no dispute as to whether a site plan was required, the minutes reflect that "this should be brought before the Planning Commission for review of the site plan and a determination regarding required site elements. This matter is premature and should be tabled." A motion to table was made and passed; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission considered the November 14, 2015, request at its meeting on April 12, 2016. Despite the concession at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that a site plan review was required, Applicants argued that the Planning Commission should find that a site plan is not required.

After extensive discussion, the Planning

Commission tabled the request to allow the Applicants to
go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a

determination regarding whether a site plan is required.

The Planning Commission also indicated that "if required,



the Applicants shall submit a site plan for review
pursuant to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance";
and

Whereas, on May 26, 2015, the Applicants submitted a Request for a Variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals including the same variance requests as the November 14, 2015, request. At a meeting on June 30, 2016, the Zoning Board of Appeals denied the variance request for the reasons that sufficient information was not submitted so allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to make a determination regarding the scope of the variance request. However, the Zoning Board of Appeals did determine that a site plan is required to be submitted by the Applicants; and

Whereas, the Applicants then submitted a Site Plan Application and Variance Request dated August 6, 2016 (the "Application"); and whereas, after several reviews of the Application, the Township Engineer indicated that the Application was not sufficient for proper review by the Planning Commission because, among other reasons, it failed to adequately address setbacks, parking, storm water retention, landscaping and other requirements specified in the Township's Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, the Township provided the Applicants



with a checklist of items needed to be addressed in the 1 2 Site Plan per the Zoning Ordinance; and whereas, the Applicants submitted a revised Site Plan to the Township 3 dated December 20, 2016, ("Revised Site Plan"); and 4 5 Whereas, on January 10, 2017, the Township Planning Commission met to review the Application, 6 7 including the Revised Site Plan, the Township's 8 historical records regarding the Property, minutes of 9 various other meetings regarding the Property, both from 10 the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, 11 which determined that the Applicants must comply with the 12 site plan review provisions and requirements of the 13 Township's Zoning Ordinance, and other documents and 14 records submitted by the Applicants and reviews by the 15 Township's Planner and Engineer; and 16 Whereas, after the meeting on January 10, 2017, the Planning Commission denied the Revised Site Plan, 17 18 determining that the Revised Site Plan was not in 19 conformity with the requirements and standards in the 20 Township's Zoning Ordinance and did not contain the 21 information required by the Township's Zoning Ordinance; 22 and 23 Whereas, on February 7, 2017, the Applicants 24 submitted another "Request for Variance to the Zoning

Ordinance" which included a narrative that was



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1 substantially identical to the narratives provided in the 2 prior Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 3 requests and asked the Zoning Board of Appeals to 4 determine whether a site plan was required; and Whereas, on March 3, 2017, the Township's 5 6 Zoning Administrator sent Applicants a letter advising 7 them that the variance request could not be processed 8 because the Zoning Board of Appeals does not have 9 authority to grant a rehearing on the same issues; and 10 Whereas, the Applicants filed a lawsuit/appeal 11 in the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court against the 12 Township and the Township "Zoning Department" alleging, 13 among other things, that the proposed use of the Property 14 was a lawful pre-existing nonconforming use (Case Number 15 2017-0134-CZ); and 16 Whereas, following a hearing on the Township's 17 Motion for Summary Disposition, the Court entered an 18 Order on March 14, 2018, remanding the matter to the 19 Zoning Board of Appeals with instructions to hold a 20 public hearing and provide an interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance "as it applies to the Morans' 21 22 pre-existing, nonconforming use/aspects; in particular to 23 state whether a change in the use and/or aspects of the 24 Morans' property has occurred, and to state the

parameters after of what is and is not permitted on the



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Morans' property under the Cooper Charter Township Zoning
Ordinance"; and

Whereas, the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a public hearing on May 10, 2018, pursuant to that Court order. (Exhibit A, Minutes of May 10, 2018, meeting).

Now, therefore, the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Cooper resolves as follows:

Number 1, the Zoning Board of Appeals hereby finds that while the proposed use of the Property as a "party store" for the sale of liquor was a use permitted by right at the time the Applicants filed their original Application, the proposed use constituted an "extension, alteration or addition" of the prior dollar store use under Section 120.330(A) of the Township's Zoning Ordinance and, therefore, no prior legal nonconforming site elements/aspects are extended to the new use of the Property. In support of this finding, the Zoning Board of Appeals notes the following:

A, Section 120.330(A) of the Township's Zoning Ordinance provides as follows with respect to nonconforming uses: "Nonconforming uses, lots or structures in existence at the time of passage of this Ordinance shall not be extended, added to or altered unless such extensions, alterations or additions are in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance."



B, the "party store" use constitutes an "extension, alteration or addition" of the dollar store use under Section 120.330(A) because of the change in the type of goods being sold. The Michigan Court of Appeals has previously determined that even a change in the type of a liquor license constitutes a "new use" of property, Livonia Hotel, LLC, versus City of Livonia, 259 Mich App 116, 130; 673 NW2nd 763 (2003).

The Court determined in Livonia that while the property owner may have had a vested nonconforming right to utilize a Class B hotel liquor license that a previous property owner obtained before a Zoning Ordinance amendment, the owner did not have a vested right to operate a restaurant pursuant to a Class C liquor license "because this constituted a new use of the property" even though Class B and C liquor licenses both provided for the sale of the same forms of alcohol.

Here, the change of use is even more apparent. The Applicants have produced no evidence and the Zoning Board of Appeals is not aware of any evidence that the Property has ever had a liquor license, nor has the Property ever been used for the retail sale of alcohol. However, even if there were such evidence, the nonconforming elements/aspects of the Property related to the retail sale of alcohol has long since been abandoned

by the subsequent and sporadic use of the Property as a ceramics store and "Stretch A Dollar" store. Under the facts presented in this matter and Livonia, the liquor store is a "new use" of the Property sufficient to be considered an "alteration" under the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

C, the "party store" use constitutes an "extension, alteration or addition" of the dollar store use under Section 120.330(A) because of the liquor expanded hours of operation. Michigan Courts have already held that the extension of operating hours alone constitutes an unlawful expansion of a nonconforming use, Garb-Ko versus Carrollton, 86 Mich App 350, 353-354; 272 NW2d 350 (1978).

Because of the sporadic use of the Property as a ceramics store and "Stretch A Dollar" store, it is reasonable to conclude, and the Zoning Board of Appeals finds, that the retail sale of alcohol would result in longer hours of operation and likely include weekend hours constituting an unlawful expansion of the nonconforming use/aspects of the site elements of the Property. To be clear, the proposed use may be permitted but the site plan must conform to the requirements set forth in the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

D, the "party store" use constitutes an



"extension, alteration or addition" of the dollar store use under Section 120.330(A) because the liquor store would likely require additional lighting and signage. It is reasonable to conclude, and the Zoning Board of Appeals finds, that these requirements would lead to a greater number of lights and signage elements on the Property, which constitutes an extension of the use.

See e.g. Century Cellunet of Southern Michigan Cellular Limited Partnership versus Summit Township, 250 Mich App 543, 549; 655 NW2d 245 (2002) (holding that replacing three antennas on a tower with six constitutes an unlawful expansion of a nonconforming use even despite the fact that these antennas would be smaller than the current antennas). To be clear, the proposed use may be permitted but the site plan must conform to the requirements set forth in the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Number 2, the Zoning Board of Appeals also determines that, in addition to the findings set forth above, no prior legal nonconforming site elements/aspects are extended to the new use of the Property because the party store constitutes an "extension, alteration or addition" of the prior dollar store use, under the current Township Zoning Ordinance, which has been amended since the Applicants filed their initial Application.



Under the current Township Zoning Ordinance, a party store engaged in the business of selling package liquor is only permitted by special exception use on the Property under Section 120.200. Under Michigan law, a zoning authority may amend its zoning ordinance even after a zoning application is filed or litigation is commenced related to the zoning application.

Moreover, the zoning ordinance in effect at the time of the Court's ultimate decision is the law to be applied by the Court. See, e.g., Klyman versus City of Troy, 40 Mich App 273, 277; 198 NW2d 822 (1972); see also Grand/Sakwa of Northfield, LLC, versus Township of Northfield, 304 Mich App 137, 141; 851 NW2d 574 (2014); Franchise Realty Interstate Corporation versus City of Detroit, 368 Mich 276, 279; 118 NW2d 258 (1962); Lockwood versus City of Southfield, 93 Mich App 406, 410; 536 NW2d 249 (1995); Landon Holdings, Inc., versus Grattan Township, 257 Mich App 154, 161; 667 NW2d 93 (2003); Great Lakes Society versus Georgetown Charter Township, 281 Mich App 396, 419; 761 NW2d 371 (2008).

Therefore, the Property cannot be used as a party store engaged in the business of selling packaged liquor until the Applicants submit an application for a special exception use permit and that application is approved by the Township's Planning Commission. An



application for a special exception use permit also requires the submission of a site plan and compliance with the relevant site standards set forth in the Township's Zoning Ordinance. To date, the Applicants have not submitted either a site plan or an application for a special exception use permit to use the Property as a liquor store under the current Zoning Ordinance.

Number 3, accordingly, the Zoning Board of Appeals affirms its prior decision that the Applicants must submit a site plan and comply with the applicable site standards and further finds that the Applicants must also submit an application for a special exception use permit in order to lawfully use the Property as a party store engaged in the business of package liquor sales under the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Number 4, the Zoning Board of Appeals further notes that Section 120.200 of the Township's Zoning Ordinance provides a comprehensive list of uses permitted by right and by special exception use on the Property zoned C-1. (See attached Exhibit B). The Property may be used for any of those uses permitted by right and for any uses permitted by special exception upon approval by the Township Planning Commission. Any use not included in Section 120.200 as either permitted uses or special exception is not permitted on the Property.

1 Number 5, any and all resolutions that are in 2 conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed but 3 only to the extent to give this Resolution full force and 4 effect. 5 KEITH URBAN: I believe there was already a 6 motion. 7 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: There is a motion. We're 8 open for discussion. 9 MICHAEL HOMIER: Was there support? 10 Yes, there was. SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: 11 CURT FLOWERS: I supported. 12 MICHAEL HOMIER: Okay. Thank you. 13 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I had kind of prepared a 14 statement not knowing that he was going to come in with 15 this prepared resolution but I'm going to read it so that 16 you know where I was standing. 17 There are two questions to consider tonight, 18 has a change in use occurred and whether use is not 19 permitted on the property. It is my feeling that a 20 substantial change is proposed. This property housed a 21 number of limited hours family oriented businesses. It 22 then sat unoccupied commercially for several years being 23 only a residential rental.

The Morans are proposing a highly regulated,

highly restricted, very adult oriented business with



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extended hours of operation, which is allowed in this zoning only through a special exception permit. Retail sales, goods and services as listed in 120.200, which is the C-1 commercial district, list a number of family friendly permitted uses, such as hospitals, offices, publicly owned uses like playgrounds, warehouses incidental to a primary building, accessory building in use, essential services, private solar energy uses, nursery and daycare, by special exception the liquor sales, gas station, public utility buildings, vehicle sales with additional restrictions, outdoor storage, and it also allows for sexually oriented businesses which would not apply here because they are not allowed to be adjacent to residential parcels, which your parcel is surrounded by.

All of these uses permitted or special exception need to be reviewed for screening, area setbacks and other elements to ensure that the abutting and surrounding properties are protected as written into the description of a C-1 District. Special use has impacts outside of allowed uses. The Township has the legal responsibility to determine if and how those impacts can be managed or mitigated for the safety, health and esthetics of the neighborhood and the population.



The Township and the ZBA I believe has not ruled that you cannot have a liquor store there. They have ruled that you cannot bypass the review and management process for which we are held legally responsible.

Do the Commissioners have other comments they would like to add?

KEITH URBAN: Yes, I would. I think from the beginning of this I have really honestly and earnestly tried to wrap my mind around the Applicant's position and tried to be very objective and even argued in my head both sides to try to be objective. There was a couple of points in my mind that I just couldn't understand the position being presented to me.

The most important of which was the position that retail is retail is retail. As a ZBA member looking at how a piece of property is to be used when it's in a non-normal condition, whether it be special exception or nonconforming legal, whatever it is, I feel that it is my duty to take into account the totalitarian circumstances of which is being put in front of me.

I cannot in my mind possibly associate that area being impacted to the same level as what a ceramic store or a dollar store would in comparison to a liquor store. I just cannot accept the argument that retail is



retail is retail. The sale of alcohol and the reasonable assumed hours that a liquor store would have to have in order to be successful on to its is compelling that we don't have apples for apples here. We don't even have apples for oranges. I'm very sorry.

I want to try and help every citizen that comes before me and be objective but I could not get and cannot get past that. Fundamentally speaking, hours of operation, frequency of traffic, necessary parking, necessary safety of coming in and out. I actually drove by there yesterday, just and stopped and looked at the property again. It's nonsupportive for that type of use and it is an expansion of -- it is an expansion in my mind.

So for those reasons, I'm still not convinced of your position. I apologize, and the reason why I apologize is because I really like giving exceptions when there's been evidence put before me that compels me to do that but I just don't have that. Relative to our definition of what our Zoning Ordinances state, I think it says -- I mean, I don't think it says. I know it says the word expansion. I see expansion, expansion of the use, and so that's where I'm at with this.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Other comments.

MARK REYNOLDS: I think I've said everything I



1 needed to say before. 2 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: All in favor of the motion 3 as presented say aye. CURT FLOWERS: Doesn't a resolution require --4 5 MICHAEL HOMIER: Let's do a role call. 6 DAN BURNS: I would note that it's not -- is 7 there a statement in the resolution of what the extent of 8 the nonconforming aspects are though? Does it state that 9 at any point, what hours are acceptable or what parking 10 is acceptable as it sits? SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I think that would be part 11 12 of the review. 13 KEITH URBAN: That's part of your site plan. 14 DAN BURNS: It's just part of what the Court 15 asked. 16 KEITH URBAN: Sir, I've gone round robin with 17 you long enough. I'm tired of that. No more discussion. 18 DAN BURNS: So what is and what is not 19 permitted --20 KEITH URBAN: Did you not just understand what 21 I said? 22 MICHAEL HOMIER: Mr. Burns, it's not a public 23 hearing. You're out of order. You'll have an 24 opportunity to comment in a minute when we hold public

comment and then you can say what your piece says.



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1 DAN BURNS: Okav. 2 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Keith Urban. 3 KEITH URBAN: Yes. 4 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Steve Magura. 5 STEPHEN MAGURA: Yes. SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Mark Reynolds. 6 7 MARK REYNOLDS: Yes. 8 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Curt Flowers. 9 CURT FLOWERS: Yes. 10 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Sheryl Gluchowski. Yes. 11 Motion carried unanimously. Let's get back to our 12 agenda. Do we have public comment? 13 DAN BURNS: I'm Dan Burns. I'm here on behalf 14 of Mr. Moran, who's the property owner of the property in 15 question. My law office address is 29 Pearl Street in 16 Grand Rapids, Michigan, Office Number 145, zip code 17 I just want to note a couple of things. 49503. 18 One, the Court was ordering you all to state 19 what the extent of the nonconforming aspects are. I 20 didn't hear in your resolution with regard to what is not 21 allowed and what is considered an expansion but it does 22 ask that you state the parameters of what is permitted on 23 the Moran property, as well as what is not permitted, and 24 there's been no statement of that.

Also with regard to the hours, I just want it



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noted that we have not posted hours. We haven't even posted any proposed hours. If there were any limitations on hours, we would certainly consider those, if that was one of the aspects that was -- one of the problematic aspects of the property or the project.

As far as the statement though, we don't know -- that's part of what the dilemma is when there's been a failure to state what the extent of the nonconforming aspects are and that's why the Court required you to state what it is and what it is not because that's a good example of what would be problematic.

If you take an issue with the hours, we don't -- we aren't aware that there is an issue on the hours because we've never been told that that's one of the parameters that is allowed to continue underneath an acceptable format and an acceptable use.

Lastly, I just want to confirm that nobody is finding an expansion of the physical property itself.

There's been no physical expansion of the property. This is just based on what would be the proposed use I think.

So if I'm incorrect, I would appreciate anybody on the Board would set me straight.

I don't believe that you've stated though what the extent of the nonconforming use is and I don't



believe that there's been -- or I believe there has been 1 2 a finding that there's no substantial expansion of the 3 physical property itself or the buildings. Is that 4 right? 5 MICHAEL HOMIER: The resolution speaks for 6 itself, Dan. You'll get a copy of it. It's time for 7 public comment, not debate. 8 DAN BURNS: Again I just asked the question --9 MICHAEL HOMIER: You made your comment. 10 DAN BURNS: -- you as counsel can answer it. 11 Don't keep cutting me off. It's public comment now and 12 I'm allowing that during your time. That's fine. 13 MICHAEL HOMIER: We allow three minutes. 14 DAN BURNS: Let me finish my sentence and 15 you're talking over me once again. We have a court 16 reporter here and I'd appreciate it you being a lawyer 17 would also know that there's a time and place for 18 speaking over each other. This isn't it. 19 MICHAEL HOMIER: You have three minutes. 20 You've well exceeded that. We've been very gracious of 21 letting you continue but --22 DAN BURNS: There was no limitation of time. 23 MICHAEL HOMIER: -- I don't have any problem 24 with you continuing. 25 DAN BURNS: That's fine, but if you're going to

have a limitation on speaking, you should state that at 1 2 the outset. 3 MICHAEL HOMIER: We have policies and 4 procedures that limit it to three minutes. We don't have 5 to state that at every meeting, unless you can cite me a 6 law that says otherwise. 7 DAN BURNS: Cite me a policy. 8 KEITH URBAN: At the end of the day -- sir, at 9 the end of the day --10 MICHAEL HOMIER: Stop. Stop. Make your public 11 comment and let's be done. 12 DAN BURNS: Cite me that policy. 13 MICHAEL HOMIER: We have a policy. 14 provide it to you if you'd like to. 15 DAN BURNS: No. 16 MICHAEL HOMIER: Are you finished? I just want 17 to make sure you're finished. 18 DAN BURNS: As I was about to say when you once again talked over me, I'm talking with my client to find 19 20 out whether I'm finished. 21 MICHAEL HOMIER: Okay. 22 SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: In the meantime, are there 23 any other comments? 24 WILLIAM MORAN: I'd like to say something.

Bill Moran the owner of the property in question. My

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question tonight is, you're working for the people of the State really. I don't understand why you have such nasty attitudes. You are just unbelievable in wanting to just see if you can be mean.

Now let's say nothing happens to this property. Did you improve anything? You know, I started -- I got a contract back in '14. If I had the money from that, maybe I could do some of the things to make it better for the community.

You did this the first time around when my wife was trying to get Stretch A Dollar in. You actually put her in bankruptcy, and it started out because we set the place up in July to open inventory and stuff and it was not a dollar store. Obviously, none of you have ever been in there because it was not a dollar store.

You're making an inference based on the name.

You guys allowed her to open up one week before Christmas when she's all set up for most of it going back to school, the inventory. You were wrong then. You are wrong now. Thank you for your time.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Are there other comments?

Okay. Other new business to come before the Board, I've been in some training sessions lately, one last night and one last month, and began to realize that we are under utilizing our liaison with the Planning Commission.



So I am going to institute asking Mark to speak on any goals, intents or other actions of the Planning Commission that he would see that would help keep us all in sync so we know what's important to them and what is going to be important to them in the future.

MARK REYNOLDS: Yes. I think there's a reason why there's persons to provide continuity between ZBA and the Planning Commission; likewise, there's a person required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act for an elected official to be on the Planning Commission. I think the Township will probably well served if we talked a little more in sync.

So I'll go back I guess as far as the beginning of this year. The Planning Commission didn't meet in January and February. In March, we did, however, and immediately after the March meeting, I as the Secretary signed the first ever comprehensive master plan for our community that Russ led and we worked very hard on as a Commission for, I think where do we want to start the clock, between two and three years, and it's now in final form. It's posted on the Township's website and our clerk Deanna signed it in April.

What I did do was I -- as part of the master plan, we came up with some objectives and goals and I just gave you a summary of what that looks like. The

plan itself has seven sections and you can see what those sections are and the associated goals and objectives.

So now it's a matter of the Planning Commission beginning to work on some of these. So we didn't meet in January and February. In March, we penned the comprehensive master plan. We didn't meet in April. However, we did meet in May, and the only issue that came -- we had a couple of issues that came to the Commission.

One was the addition of a storage facility for the Kalamazoo Kennel Club, 44 by 48 feet, and we approved that, and we also discussed temporary single family dwellings looking at a Texas Township example. We decided that would be kind of a tricky to enforce so we didn't pursue any conversation after that, and here we are in June.

Last December, I was appointed to the South Central Michigan Planning Council and I'm a member at large for the Kalamazoo County. It's a four county planning council, and they're doing some neat things with the Upjohn Institute, the City of Kalamazoo, some other things. So there's another document here. I kind of framed up what I thought you might be interested in.

This was first introduced by Popular Science back in 2015 or '16. It also appeared on MLive in 2017



and then I learned about it just recently from the Upjohn Institute, but that's a depiction of where a good place is to live in 2100, and if you take a look where you see the hearts, that's where we live.

So we know that the world is changing and we know that Cooper Township is the fourth fastest growing township in Kalamazoo County. So I think it's important to continue to stay ahead of the game, have protective ordinances in play, have a solid master plan and executing the tenants of that plan for a lot of good reasons, but certainly, that picture drove a lot of that home for me.

Let me see, that's really I think all I have.

I'll do a better job of trying to come up with some
things to share but again it's been kind of light this
year shy of the master plan. I'd encourage all of you to
go on the website and take a look at it. It's quite a
document and I'm proud to be part of all of that effort.

Does anybody have any questions about anything?

STEPHEN MAGURA: Where could we find the legend
for this? Because the hearts I guess I understand but
the other symbols --

MARK REYNOLDS: That's good. It's an interactive -- if you go to the website, the Popular Science website, Google Popular Science best places to



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1 live in 2100, and you'll get that picture with some 2 interaction to it. You move your cursor and it will give 3 you some more information. So it's pretty nifty.

The suns represent drought. The rounding edges of our continent represent ocean coming up on land. bugs represent just that. I think there's other, what is it, like little tornadoes or storms.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: It looks like flames.

MARK REYNOLDS: Flames, you got fire, bugs,

drought. So it's pretty nifty.

STEPHEN MAGURA: This whole place is unliveable.

MARK REYNOLDS: I think we can probably live in most places, but if you look at the sweet spot, the sweet spot is right under our feet, and more people are going to come. Thank you for that opportunity.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Yes, and thank you for this copy of the goals and objectives. It's going to be interesting reading.

MARK REYNOLDS: It's Section 6, isn't that right, Russ, under public participation in the goals and objectives under the master plan?

> RUSS WICKLUND: Maybe five.

MARK REYNOLDS: Five. It's in there.

SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Does anyone have any other



1	business to come before the Board?
2	DAN BURNS: I just have to ask if I am going to
3	get a copy of that resolution? Is that something I can
4	get from you tonight?
5	MICHAEL HOMIER: Yes. I can give you them
6	attached to the resolution, but it won't be a signed one.
7	It will be a draft.
8	DAN BURNS: That's fine. I could have used
9	these case references years ago, just so you all know.
10	MICHAEL HOMIER: I'm glad I could be helpful.
11	DAN BURNS: We'll see what they say.
12	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: I would entertain a motion
13	to adjourn.
14	KEITH URBAN: I motion we adjourn.
15	STEPHEN MAGURA: Second.
16	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: All in favor say aye.
17	MARK REYNOLDS: Aye.
18	CURT FLOWERS: Aye.
19	SHERYL GLUCHOWSKI: Aye. All opposed. Meeting
20	is adjourned.
21	(Meeting concluded at 6:13 p.m.)
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