

# AUGUST 21, 2023 MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE INGERSOLL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION,  
MONDAY, August 21, 2023, 6:30 P.M.,  
TOWNSHIP HALL, INGERSOLL TOWNSHIP, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Mapes 6:36PM.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** - Mapes, Kipfmiller, Graebner, Loeffler, Shaffner, Neilson  
**Absent** – Keel, Noey  
**Others Present** – 43 other individuals.
4. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kipfmiller to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023, Support by Mapes. Full support.
5. **Special Use Permit – Brian Patrick – Recovery Facility**
6. **Public Hearings –**
  - a. Individual has concerns about parking, Brian Patrick informed there would be 2-4 cars per day, there will be mostly carpooling.
  - b. Individual asked capacity figures. Brian Patrick informed facility will be at capacity with 19 individuals.
  - c. Brian Patrick informed residents will be in a two-week lockdown as residents job search, focus on education, and have responsibilities doing chores. The facility will prioritize Midland County residents but will allow others outside of Midland County.
  - d. Individual concerned about residents not being watched all night, property value, theft, and this being on a primary road.
  - e. Individual comments on supporting a facility that focuses on new beginnings.
  - f. Individual mentions how dedicated Brian Patrick is. Supports the special use permit.
  - g. Individual mentions she is a long-time recovery addict and supports the permit.
  - h. Individual mentions residents are not bad people, they are facing an illness and need help. Supports the cause.
  - i. Individual mentions he has been in recovery for a short time and supports the cause.
  - j. Individual disagrees with cause due to property values.
  - k. Individual mentions she hasn't seen property values going down.
  - l. Individual owns a recovery-based construction company. Supports the cause and wants to help people with addictions.
  - m. Kim Hiesler mentions he's been talking with Brian through the process and Brian has been transparent.
  - n. Individual mentions this is a business that will take care of public concerns.

- o. Individual mentions she's known Brian for many years. Major concerns with the safety of the area. No criminal record of people being admitted.
- p. Individual mentions she hasn't seen any policies yet. Concerns about parking.
  - i. Brian Patrick notes he has a 70-page policy he is willing to share. He is not going to open with 19 people to start.
- q. Individual mentions this real estate was previously an adult foster care center – not the best place for this facility.
- r. Individual mentions he's been in law enforcement for 40 years in Midland County. States judges will route people to this facility if they need to go. Supports the cause. These people come willingly and leave willingly.
- s. Individual mentions he's new to recovery. This foundation will help these people get back on their feet like he was helped.
- t. Letter was read from an individual that could not attend. Letter gives support to Brian Patrick on his endeavor.
- u. Brian Patrick apologizes to neighboring families for not contacting them with better details of the house.
- v. Individual asks if there is a check list to look at people registering for the house. Will there be others will addictions trying to visit?
  - i. Brian Patrick mentions there is an application process. He doesn't want to danger anyone in the community.
- w. Past Planning Commission member asks what area this falls under, 8.10 or 8.11?
- x. **Motion by Cliff Mapes, support by Kipfmiller to approve the special use permit. Full support.**

7. **Old Business** – None.

8. **Report of the Board** – Getting high speed internet, receiving a grant for it. In process of road concerns.

9. **Report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer** – None.

10. **New Business** – None.

11. **Public Comments** – Jack Terwillegar has concerns to discuss with Brian Patrick.

12. **Items for Next Agenda** – None.

13. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Kipfmiller to close the meeting, support by Mapes. Full support.