

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING - STEPANIAK
March 21, 2023

A Public Hearing of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan. Chairperson Poniatowski opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Poniatowski, Woloszyk, Howe, Arnold, McClelland and Pugh. Absent: Lalone. Others present: Please see sign in sheet, Recording Secretary, Teresa Gormley.

MOVED BY Howe SECONDED BY Arnold to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Poniatowski opened the meeting by sharing background information as she knew it on this matter. The property of the proposed Home Occupation is 2608 N. Lake Pleasant Road, owned by Sara Stepaniak. She asked Stepaniak if there will be additional traffic for this home business. Stepaniak says not much as 90% of her bookings are weddings or outdoor photos.

Poniatowski asked if the second driveway will be used or just the main driveway if she does have patrons to her home. Stepaniak says the second drive is just used to park their campers.

Poniatowski asked about proposed hours of operation and Stepaniak stated it is whatever works for her clients.

Howe asked if Stepaniak had any on-site work in the future. Stepaniak said possibly, but not really as her basement at this time is filled with her in-laws' stuff.

Poniatowski asked if there were any sessions with the Christmas display that is in her front yard and Stepaniak explained that that was just something her husband wanted for the family and more of a community display – not intended for professional use.

Stepaniak added that she has had to use her home address for legal and tax purposes but does not intend to do much business, if any, at her home.

Woloszyk inquired that Stepaniak stated she may have an in-house studio and Stepaniak replied that Supervisor Lashbrook asked her to put that in her application.

Howe expressed appreciation in Stepaniak coming before this Board and Stepaniak stated that originally she was told she did NOT need to seek permission but that changed.

Poniatowski opened Public Time at 7:45 PM.

David Newell, 2552 N. Lake Pleasant Road. Newell had received a copy of the Notice of Hearing and was interested in what kind of photography. Chairperson Poniatoski stated that it would be primarily weddings and that perhaps in the future there will be business out of the home.

Newell questioned about additional traffic. Poniatoski shared that there should not be much traffic, if any. With Home Occupations, this Board will monitor them and concerns will be addressed at that time.

Newell asked again about the outdoor holiday display and Poniatoski reiterated that it was for personal use, but this Board would visit that if it mandated.

Public Time Closed at 7:48PM.

MOTION BY Howe, SECONDED BY McClelland, to accept the application for a Home Occupation from Sarah Stepaniak, located at 2608 N. Lake Pleasant Road for a photography business.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arnold, Yes; McClelland, Yes; Pugh, Yes; Howe, Yes; Woloszyk, Yes; Poniatoski, Yes;

Absent: Lalone

Yes (6) No (0) Absent (1) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY McClelland, SECONDED BY Howe, to adjourn at 7:50 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Teresa M. Gormley
Recording Secretary

Richard McClelland
Secretary