

Date: June 5, 2019

**Meeting Minutes - Worth Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting - Worth Township Meeting Room**

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Approved: 7/10/2019

Call to Order		Open: 6:30 PM Close: 8:00PM							
Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call		Present:	Hernandez	Judd	Martin	Wilson	Woodruff		Pass/Fail
Motion Number & Description		Excused:						Zeller	
19-6-5-1: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 meeting					1 st.		2 nd		P
<p>Public Hearing on Special Land Use Application for 7360 Galbraith Line Rd. to Operate a "Deer & Elk Preserve. Mr. Charles Reynolds, 821 St. Clair Rd. was concerned about how far south the Preserve would extend along St. Clair Rd.; How Many people would be hunting at one time; Whether or not guns would be used and; If the animals would be tested. He was also curious about how hunting outside the Preserve would be affected. Mr. Cuppen, the applicant, responded by telling him that typically he allowed four hunters at one time and that guns could be used. He also said sample tissue from the deer was required for testing by the DNR and he exceeded these requirements voluntarily. Mr. Cuppen also said that in other areas deer hunting outside fenced preserves usually improved after the Preserve was established. Mr. Randy Clark, 8091 St. Clair Rd. Claimed to be the closest resident to the proposed Preserve and felt only bow hunting should be allowed. Mr. Mike Allen, 5580 Wellman Line Rd. Asked how many animals were allowed; how big was the enclosure; would hunting be year round and; how many deer and elk would be in the Preserve. Mr. Cuppen responded by saying the DNR allowed for as many as 33 deer per acre but he would probably only have 40 to 50 deer and only one or two elks (because they fight one another). He said hunting would usually only be in season and during daylight hours according to DNR regulations. Mr. Allen was also concerned about the Elk bugling and asked how high the fence would be. Mr. Cuppen indicated there won't be a noise problem with the number of elk and the fence would be 10 ft. high; as required by the DNR.</p>									
19-6-5-2; Motion to close the Public Hearing				1 st.			2 nd.		P
19-6-5-3; Motion to adjourn			2 nd.				1 st.		P
<p>Key: 1st = Made the Motion; 2nd = Seconded the Motion; (Roll Call Vote Only: Y = Voted Yes; N = Voted No) All votes are Voice votes unless a Roll Call vote is requested.</p>									
<p>SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Mike Allen asked if there was a way to submit any thoughts regarding the Special Land Use Application after the Planning Commission's Public Hearing. He was advised the Public Hearing was closed but, he could communicate with the Planning Commission by sending his thoughts via letter to the Township Clerk.</p>									