

**PENNFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2018**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of Pennfield Charter Township was called to order at 6:00 PM on October 2, 2018 by Jon Bartlett. This meeting was held at the Pennfield Middle School library. Members present were, Jack Pooler, Tammi Damerow, Rob Behnke, Paul Anderson, Jon Bartlett and Brad Messenger. Curtis Whitaker was excused. A quorum was met.

Others present: Barb Darlington, Brandi DeShon, and Dave & April Yeager. All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the agenda. Damerow asked to add a moment of silence for Elaine Walter. Motion made by Messenger and supported by Behnke. All, yes.

Moment of silence for Elaine Walter.

**Public Comments:**

None

Approval of the Planning Commission meeting minutes from September 4, 2018. Motion made by Behnke and a second by Anderson. All yes, motion carried.

**New Business:**

Dave & April Yeager of 21666 Pine Lake Rd. would like to open a dog kennel on their property. Mrs. Yeager currently has a dog grooming business on the property. She stated that she has customers that have asked about the Yeager's having kennels for boarding. They wanted to open legally.

**Public Comments:**

A neighbor was concerned about the noise the kennel would create.

A neighbor was concerned about the noise and property values.

**Commission Comments:**

Pooler asked if they had a kennel license currently.

Bartlett asked about the 5 kennels but asking for up to 10 dogs.

Bartlett stated that he would be opposed if this were in a neighborhood. The main concern is the distance between the dogs and the neighbors.

Anderson asked a neighbor where her bedroom was in relation to where the kennel would be.

Behnke asked how far of the road the kennel would be.

Anderson asked about the trees around the pole barn.

Behnke asked if it would be possible to put the dog run on the other side of the pole barn.  
Behnke stated that 7 dogs are typical for a kennel.  
Behnke asked about their dogs being inside at night.  
Bartlett stated that he thought they should allow 5 dogs for now and revisit in 6 months.  
Anderson said moving the kennels to the other side will make them more aware.  
Damerow asked if they would be boarding dogs every day.  
Messenger asked how they were going to advertise.  
Anderson asked if they were going to get paid to board dogs.  
Messenger asked if the fence was going to be secured so the dogs can't get to each other.  
Bartlett asked how long the dogs would be in the dog area.  
Behnke encouraged them to talk to the neighbors.  
Bartlett stated that the only way he would support the kennel is if the dogs were inside after sundown. Once they get the license from the Sheriffs then the 6 months starts.

Anderson made a motion to approve the dog kennel at 21666 Pine Lake Rd. with the conditions:

The dog run and kennel are on the north side of the pole barn.

5 Dogs maximum.

There will be a review in 6 months.

Additional sound proofing of the inside of the building.

There will be no dogs outside unattended after 8:00 PM.

The motion was supported by Messenger. All, yes.

Brad Messenger made a motion to adjourn at 7:02. The motion was seconded by Tammi Damerow. All, yes.