

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Minutes for Special Meeting of**  
**August 31, 2023**

**PRESENT** Commissioners Dave Roesler, John Warner, Mike Holman, Chris Campeau and John Gloster.

**NOT PRESENT** Paul Josephson

**ALSO PRESENT** Zoning Administrator Jensen, Recording Secretary Sally Dion and 3 interested parties.

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson Roesler called the August 31, 2023 to order at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA** Motion by Commissioner Holman, second from Commissioner Warner, **ADOPTED**, accept the agenda as written

**5 AYES**  
**1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Michigan's Adventure LLC, 4750 Whitehall Road, Parcel number 61-06-113-400-0001-00, Site Plan Review, to request permission for the construction of deck and walkways on wood piles in pond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*Public Hearing Open 6:05 p.m.*

Steve Mark was here on behalf of Michigan's Adventure, LLC. He explained this request is to add a dock over the water to an octagon shape in a little bay area next to the Sea Dragon ride. It will go from old dock used for bumper boats out to octagon and then from octagon over to the beer garden in the amusement park. He believes the octagon is 33 feet in diameter.

Chairperson Roesler asks if this is all within the existing park? Mr. Mark answers, yes.

*Correspondence*

None, recording Secretary Dion stated she had one phone call, caller was content with information given.

Chairperson Roesler asked Zoning Administrator Jensen if he had any information to share. He stated that the White Lake Fire Authority does have questions, however, it is building permit related business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Kevin Bentz, 5033 Whitehall Road, asks when the project was going to start and what entrance the materials would be delivered to and if delivery will be during the day, would there be big equipment and if this project was all within Fruitland Township.

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Mr. Mark stated materials will be delivered to the Human Resource office entrance. He would think delivery would take place during the day; however, he has not worked those details out as of yet. It will be mostly decking boards, pilings and a barge will be delivered to drive the pilings, however, that will come on a semi-trailer. This project is all within Fruitland Township.

***Public Hearing Closed 6:12 p.m.***

After review of Article XV Site Plan Review, Section 15.07 Review Standards, all Commissioners concur that this fits within the Amusement Park zoning and does not impact or cause any concerns.

Motion by Commissioner Warner, second from Commissioner Holman, ***ADOPTED***, to ***APPROVE*** the Site Plan Review for construction of the deck and octagon as submitted.

**5 AYES  
1 ABSENT**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Tom Thompson, 5564 South Shore Drive, states he has concerns of large vehicles being parked at Michigan's Adventure on the corner of Riley Thompson and Whitehall Road. The site line is very bad at this intersection, believes the township needs to work with the Muskegon County Road Commission to come up with a solution and with the Muskegon County Sheriff Department to do speed radar.

**ADJOURMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Holman, second from Commissioner Campeau, ***ADOPTED***, to adjourn the August 31, 2023 special meeting at 6:25 p.m.

**5 AYES**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Dion, Recording Secretary  
Township of Fruitland