

**Watson Township Planning Commission Minutes:
Wednesday October 8, 2008.
Watson Township Hall**

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag.
- Roll Call – Present:
 - Rod Zeinstra – Bev McKinnon – Chuck Andrysiak – David Carter – Jim Baas – Michelle Harris
 - Absent: Barb Wrobleski
- Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion to approve by Jim, supported by Bev. All “Aye” Motion Carried.
- Public Comment/Communication opened on subjects not on agenda.
 - No Public Comment
 - A communication from Otsego Township was acknowledged to be presented at our next “regular meeting”.
- Planning commission reviewed notes/written comments from fellow commissioners, regarding the Kennel Special Use Permit Request from Dawn Wieck.
- Motion was made by Rod, supported by Chuck:

Watson Township Planning Commission Motion:

**Regarding the Dog Kennel Special Use Request for Dawn Wieck,
Located at 1871 120th Ave – Hopkins, Mi. 49328.**

Motion to deny Special Use Permit for a Dog Kennel Operation based on the following criteria/conditions.

1. Dawn Wieck resides at the above address house, but is not the Land Owner of the proposed Kennel.
 - a. No temporary occupancy or residency will be considered.
 2. As a Renter or Leasor, it would be difficult to have them be solely responsible or liable for the Kennel Operation, and the compliance of the Special Use Permit.
 3. The history of this Kennel Operation in other communities, and its ability or inability to operate within their ordinances give Watson Township great reservations to take on the possible burden and or costs to monitor and enforce our Ordinances with this operation.
 4. The proposed Kennel Operation would reside in close proximity to about four rural residences, and the operation could impose exposure of undue burden of noise, traffic, and harm to them.
- Roll call vote:
 - Nays: Jim – David – Bev.
 - Yes: Rod – Chuck
 - Abstain: Michelle
 - Motion Denied.
 - Motion was made by Dave, supported by Bev

Watson Township Planning Commission Motion:

**Regarding the Dog Kennel Special Use Request for Dawn Wieck,
Located at 1871 120th Ave – Hopkins, Mi. 49328**

Motion to grant Special Use Permit for a Dog Kennel Operation based on the following criteria/conditions.

- 1. Dawn Wieck resides at the above address house.**
 - a. No temporary occupancy or residency will be considered.**
 - 2. Dawn Wieck provides the township with a current “Certificate of Liability Insurance.” To be provided at each renewal meeting, annually.**
 - 3. Township Board is provided a Letter of Approval or Acknowledgment from the Land Owner, stating he/she are aware of the kennel operation, these conditions, and they assumes the associated liability and responsibility of compliance as the land owner on which this operation is taking place.**
 - 4. Special Use Permit is good for through March 31st 2009, at which time it will be reviewed for renewal on an annual basis, which expires on March 31st of each year.**
 - a. This Permit to be reviewed each year, by the March Planning Commission Meeting.**
 - b. This Special Use Permit is Non – Transferable and will expire 1 month after this kennel ceases operations.**
 - 5. Hours of Outdoor Operation will be:**
 - a. Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. to ½ hour past Sunset or 8:00p.m. which ever comes first.**
 - b. Sunday is 11:00 a.m. to ½ hour past Sunset or 6:00 p.m. which ever comes first.**
 - c. Main doors will be closed at all feasible times, to limit the nuisance of barking dog noises to the community.**
 - d. The use of Fire Arms or Fire Arm Simulators will not be allowed as part of the Normal Operation/Training for this Kennel.**
 - 6. This Kennel will not be allowed to Operate as a Boarding type of Facility.**
 - 7. This Kennel will be limited to 20 Adult Dogs, not to exceed 40 dogs & puppies total.**
 - a. Adult dogs are considered to be older than 6 months of age.**
 - 8. Subject to all other conditions stated in Sections 15.02 of Ordinance.**
 - 9. Animal feces to be collected and disposed of off site weekly.**
 - 10. Failure to comply with above criteria will result in immediate and automatic revocation of this Special Use Permit.**
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- Roll call vote:**
 - Yes: Jim – David – Bev.**
 - Nays: Rod – Chuck**
 - Abstain: Michelle**
 - Motion Carried.**
 - Copies of rough draft of motion was left with members of the public.**
 - Motion by Rod, supported by Michelle to Adjourn. All “Ayes. Motion Carried.**
 - Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Rod Zeinstra.