

WALKER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Monthly Meeting
July 16, 2014

Members Present – William Workman
Ronald Denker
Gregory Poorman
Dennis Walizer
Daniel Mattern

Members Absent – John McCarthy
Nicholas Pelick

Guests - Rich Rogers
Scott Smith

Call to Order:

Chairman William Workman called the July 16, 2014 meeting of the Walker Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Workman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the June 18, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Denny Walizer; motion second by Ron Denker and approved by all members attending.

Rich Rogers and Scott Smith spoke to the Planning Commission about their proposal to operate a sports activity facility (**dba Bellefonte Sports Academy**) in the old Hecla Park skating rink. This proposal was discussed at the June PC meeting and the members had numerous questions and concerns that needed to be addressed before a recommendation could be sent to the Supervisors. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Smith were here to provide more information, including a site plan, and to answer any questions. Some of the issues discussed *and Mr. Rogers' responses* included –

- A screened dumpster site – *Mr. Rogers explained there would be minimal trash at the site with almost everything being recycled. He is reluctant to install a dumpster because he feels other people would use it – the Planning Commission agreed that a dumpster was not necessary;*
- An ADA restroom should be provided – *Mr. Rogers stated the restroom in the office area would be upgraded to ADA requirements-he was reminded a building permit would be necessary for this restroom remodel. The other two restrooms in the hall area will probably only receive minor improvements;*
- Landscaping – *there is not enough set-back area for a fence and buffer trees – they have decided to install a privacy fence only;*

- Parking area and outside lighting – *they will have at least one pole light and lights on the exterior of the building that would illuminate the building entrance and parking areas;*
- Controlled access – *they will provide at least 2 exits and maximize the parking area to handle a minimum of 25-30 spaces.*

Mr. Rogers stated they will rearrange the parking spaces to provide the most spaces for the area. He also stated this would be an exclusively in-door operation with no external facilities. Denny Walizer motioned to approve the plan as presented tonight and send an approval recommendation to the Supervisors; motion second by Dan Mattern and approved by all members attending.

Zoning Officer Zimmerman updated the members on his June permit activities. He also provided information received from **Iron-Pro, LLC** - they would like to open a facility to perform maintenance on shale drilling equipment in the John Hull building. More information will be available at the August 13th meeting.

Denny Walizer motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Dan Mattern and approved by all members attending. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Next Planning Commission meeting is Wednesday, August 13 (2nd Wednesday)