

OID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

October 11, 2022

MATTHEW BARROWS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION/LAND SPLIT PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The Ovid Township Planning Commission Public Hearing was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 6:00p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Chris Donbrock, Sean Groves, Tammi Schorfhaar, Jim Snivley

Others present: Matt Ashenfelter, Jacob Porter, Connor Podkul, Steve Littley, Max Benjamin, Chad and April Harris, Doug and Judy Harris, Don Heinemann, Amber Modert, John Watson, Paul Watson, Richard Doud, Jim and Nub Haylett, Matt Barrows, Craig Wood

Matt Ashenfelter described what Open Space Preservation Land Splits are and what our Ordinance allows. Normally agricultural land splits cannot be less than 40 acres. However, according to our Ordinance, with a special use permit, you can make a smaller split and take some of the property out of the ag district as long as part of the land remains in Open Space Preservation in perpetuity.

Mr. Matt Barrows has requested to split off a dwelling parcel of approximately 3 acres. The total parcel is currently 20 acres. The balance of the parent parcel, if the land split is approved, will remain in Open Space Preservation. Chris Donbrock asked why the proposed property lines aren't squared off. Mr. Barrows said that their intent in the way they have proposed the land split is to keep as much farmland as possible.

Public comments: None

Chris Donbrock made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sean Groves; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.