

ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 31, 2016
7:00 PM

The Planning Commission of Zeeland Charter Township held a special meeting in the township hall on May 31, 2016 to review the site plan for a malt processing operation in a new building to be constructed at 3379 80th Avenue. Members present: Knoper, Kreuze, Riemersma, Geerlings, Brower, Russcher, and Myaard; absent: Steenwyk and Miedema.

Mr. Ross Slagh was present to review the site plan and malt sprouting and processing operation. The proposed 6,000 sq. ft. building has a 960 sq. ft. mezzanine. Mr. Slagh stated he plans to contract with Michigan farmers for the purchase of local grain to be screened, cleaned, and dried. Would receive approximately 4,000 bushel, 4 semi loads, of barley in the fall to be stored in silos for processing. Site plan shows 6 silos for expansion but plans to start with two. Commissioner Myaard questioned the height of the silos – 25'. Plans are for 1 employee with up to 3 in the next five years. Proposed parking adequate for the number of employees. Mr. Riemersma asked about the building – it is environmentally controlled. No air quality issues with the process. Commissioner Kreuze questioned the loading docks shown on the south side of the building – none to be used presently. The drainage area is a part of an earlier approved plat by Brewer's. In a letter written by Commissioner Miedema, he questioned the amount of office space and the large break room. Mr. Slagh stated this was drawn in for future expansion. Extra office space adds value in the future. Landscaping has been designed by a landscape design specialist.

Moved by Riemersma, supported by Kreuze to approve the site plan for **Emergent Malt** at 3379 80th Avenue, a malt processing operation with the following conditions: the signage, lighting, and waste disposal container be approved by the Building Administrator when applying for the building permit.

Motion Carried.

Moved, supported and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Vivian Zwyghuizen, Recording Secretary
Karen Kreuze, Secretary