

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
April 19, 2018

Present were Richard Grant, Commission Chair; Commissioners, John Gaedke, Doug Hill, Tim Healy, Dan Purcell, Dawn Peetz, Frank Olah. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator & Mike Slavney, Town Planner.

Gaedke next called the commission meeting to order; McCumber certified compliance with the open meetings law. The commission considered the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting. Gaedke/Peetz. Motion passed. Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there was none. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, Discussion and possible action regarding a preliminary conditional use permit for the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest and the Consecrated Women for a residential community home located at E13841 County Road DL. McCumber report. Slavney states the state law requires small group homes and recommends a conditional use. Laura Breunig representing the organization as an agent and Father Faustino. They have two buildable lots and would want to construct possibly up to 2 homes with a small chapel. Faustino said they are organized under the Madison diocese of the Catholic Church and at present the women are living in a rectory in Roxbury. They would build a modern facility with up to 15 or 16 bedrooms. Slavney explained that federal law trumps state and local municipalities must allow the use unless they can demonstrate it causes undo harm to the township. A motion is not necessary, but the next steps would be to have the applicant should apply for a conditional use permit jointly with the seller. A Limited Conditional Use should state they do not travel with the property and Mr. Grant stated he would like language that it does not set a precedence for other group uses. The general consensus was the group can move forward and we will work with them.

Under the **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**, McCumber reported that the town issued 14 permits year-to-date totaling \$2.17 million in construction value in 2017. This compares to 13 permits issued in 2017 for a total of \$270,000 at the same time last year. Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to adjourn by Hill, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.