Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-November 4, 2025

1. **Call to Order-**Chairperson Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. **Roll Call-**Cronenwett, Tarchala, Marshall, Schultz, Reiter.
   Also Present: David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning and guests.

3. **Approval of Agenda-**Motion by Tarchala second by Cronenwett to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Reither second by Tarchala to approve the October 7, 2026 minutes as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing-**none

6. **Special Land Use. SecurStor,** 25590 Red Arrow Highway, Mattawan, MI 49071
   SecurStore, LLC requests a special land use approval to establish a contractor's office use on the site.

   Discussion of proposed special land use amendment to use the recently approved building office and operational space for Southwest Flooring & Renovations. Site plan approval has been authorized by the Township.

   Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to recommend approval of the proposed building for Commercial and office use as proposed. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Public Hearing and consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment.** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Revise the Definition of Motel, include a Definition of Short-Term Rental and Clarify the Probation of Short-Term Rental of Residential Dwellings and Dwelling Units in Antwerp Township

   Motion by Cronenwettt second by Tarachala to open the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM.

   Public Comment
   Lauren Hunter-is a up keeper of property in question for cleaning and maintenance. Is concerned with the possible impact of this decision and feels that there is a difference between regulating and prohibiting.

   Susan Creager-question in regards to if there is a current ordinance difference between short-term rental and motel.

   There being no further Public Comment Motion by Cronenwett second by Reither to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

Discussion by Commissioners and David Jirousek in regards to possible changes to this ordinance that should be addressed.

Motion by Cronenwett second by Tarchala to recommend that proposed amendment includes three changes:

1. **Motel Definition, Section 2.7** Revises and simplifies the existing definition to clarify that hotels and motels do not include the short-term rental of residential dwellings or dwelling units.

2. **Short-Term Rental Definition, Section 2.10.** Establishes a definition of short-term rental as the rental or advertised rental of a dwelling, dwelling unit, or portion thereof for less than 28 consecutive days.

3. **Short-Term Rental Prohibition, New Section 3.28.** Explicitly prohibits short-term rentals of dwellings and dwelling units in all zoning districts within Antwerp Township.

All voted in favor. Motion passed. This proposed changed amendment will be forwarded to Van Buren County for review in November, then onto the Township Board in December.

8. **Township of Antwerp Performance Standards for Groundwater Protection within Wellhead Protection WHPAS and Stormwater Quality Management.**
Discussion by commissioners to continue discussion on this subject matter in December.

9. **Additional Comments and Communications**
Tarchala-gave commissioners a library report in regards to coming to terms/agreement with the Township and the Library Board.

Tarchala-introduced Sue Creager who has applied for the open position of Planning Commissioner.
Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to request appointment of Sue Creager as a Planning Commissioner. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. **Adjournment**-Motion by Cronenwett second by Reiter to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Denise M. Schultz

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