

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Georgetown Township Planning Commission, held
Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Smit at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jessica Ulberg, Tim Smit, Josiah Samy, Tom Healy, Jeannine Bolhouse, Richard VanderKlok, Donna Ferguson

Absent: None

Also present: Mannelle Minier, Zoning Administrator

#200219-01 – Agenda for February 19, 2020

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Donna Ferguson, to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200219-02 – Minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Donna Ferguson, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200219-03 – Public Hearing – (SUP2001) EQ Industrial Services, Inc., 17440 College Parkway, Suite 300, Livonia, MI, is requesting to have a special use permit for a waste disposal facility for hazardous waste, under Sec. 17.3(C), on a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-21-441-004, located at 6680 Marcan Ave., Suite C, in a (I) Industrial district, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, MI ([site plan](#))

Debbie Oleksienko, US Ecology, represented the applicant and presented the request.

The Zoning Administrator presented a [staff report](#).

Richard VanderKlok asked if they were subject to State and Federal regulations and inspections.

The applicant stated that they were and that they had unannounced inspections by the State, Michigan Department of Transportation and EGLE.

Richard VanderKlok asked about the materials.

The applicant stated that they work with Ottawa County Hazardous Waste and take items such as fire extinguishers and aerosol cans.

Richard VanderKlok said that the requests meets the standards of the ordinance and agrees that a condition of approval should include keeping the list of materials updated with the Fire Department.

Jeannine Bolhouse asked if they dealt with radioactive waste.

The applicant said that they did with different services, otherwise no, except for smoke detectors.

Jeannine Bolhouse asked about the list of materials.

The applicant said that they thought it was important to communicate with the Fire Department.

Jeannine Bolhouse asked about security.

The applicant said that the vehicles and building would be locked and there would be security measures.

Josiah Samy asked if they were open to the public and he was told no. He asked if there was enough room for cars to pass with the 53 foot trailer.

It was noted that they would use the end unit.

Tim Smit said that the condition of approval should be added requiring them to keep the list of materials up to date and he asked what the materials were.

The applicant said that it was lead based paint, motor oil and other regulated waste.

Donna Ferguson said that the standards of the ordinance were met and she agreed with the conditions of approval.

Jessica Ulberg said that the standards of the ordinance were met and she agreed with the conditions of approval.

Tom Healy asked the following: who the leaseholder was; insurance; vehicles; the weight of the trucks; where they would take the materials; and what area they covered.

The applicant provided the following information. US Ecology was the leaseholder and owns the vehicles which consist of two box trucks, a van and the trailer. They all weigh over 10,000 pounds. Semis pull the trailer out every ten days. They would expand if the business demanded it. The materials were taken to a treatment plant in Detroit owned by US Ecology. They serviced the west side of the state.

Tom Healy stated the following. Having waste for ten days or less was classified differently and they were transporting. The request meets the standards in the ordinance and this is located in the Industrial district. They would have routine inspections. This industry is regulated and there are safety standards in place.

Richard VanderKlok asked the applicant how she became involved in this industry.

The applicant explained that she has been working in this industry for twenty years, her degree was in Environmental Policy and she obtained a Master's Degree. She said that she finds this fascinating.

The chairman opened the public hearing. No one was present to make public comments. The chairman closed the public hearing.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Josiah Samy, to adopt the staff report as finding of fact and to approve Special Use Permit (SUP2001) EQ Industrial Services, Inc., 17440 College Parkway, Suite 300, Livonia, MI, to have a waste disposal facility for hazardous waste, under Sec. 17.3(C), on a parcel of land described as P.P. # 70-14-21-441-004, located at 6680 Marcan Ave., Suite C, in a (I) Industrial district, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, MI, based on the findings that all applicable standards of the ordinance have been met (with the conditions as noted) including the general special use standards in Sec. 20.3, with the following conditions:

- 1) An approved Use Zoning Compliance Certificate is required prior to any tenant occupying space in the building.** A Zoning Compliance application shall be submitted, along with all applicable submission materials including fee, and building permit application (if needed as determined by PCI) prior to any interior construction commencing because the site shall comply with all construction and fire codes.
- 2) An easement shall be provided showing that a truck has the right to use the adjacent parcel to the south to maneuver to access the eastern truck well prior to the submission of the Zoning Compliance application.**
- 3) All signs require permits and shall meet ordinance standards.**
- 4) If any other additional hazardous waste materials that are to be brought onto the site (other than what is expressly contained on the list), the name of additional hazardous waste material shall be provided to the Fire Department and the materials shall NOT be brought onto the site without prior written approval from the Fire Department.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Josiah Samy, to adopt the staff report as finding of fact and to approve the site plan dated 11/15/19, as presented based on the findings that all applicable standards of the ordinance have been met, and with the following conditions:

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#200219-04 – Other Business

#200219-05 – Public Comment

No one was present to make public comments at this time.

#200219-06 – Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.