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Whereas Belcass Investments proposed equine facility is a permitted use after special approval within the A-2, Agricultural zoning district and the project complies with the general development standards of the Township, staff recommends approval of S-09-24 and SUP-09-06 with the conditions contained in the report.

Dr. Brad Cumper was present to answer any questions. He agreed with the fourteen (14) conditions in staff's report.

Mr. Nolan inquired how they intend to handle the manure. Mr. Cumper stated there were a couple of different avenues they could take. There are several other facilities in the area they could take the manure to for composting for gardens that are located away from drainage areas or they could re-invest the manure into the pasture with a manure spreader. They are amendable either way.

Mr. Brucker then asked for public comments in favor or in opposition to the proposed special use and site plan.

1. Mr. Nik Schulwitz of 7410 McCarty stated he thinks it is a great use but was concerned with what happens if and when a horse dies. He called the Department of Agriculture and they told him this was a county issue. He called Saginaw County and they told him it was a Township issue. He checked with the Township and they said they had no specific regulations regarding dead horses. Dr. Cumper stated if horses are admitted that are critically ill, they have a conversation with the owner and in the event of one of the horses dying, the owner is responsible. Horses will then be taken off site for burial. Ms. Smith stated that she and Mr. Schulwitz had discussed this earlier in the day. Saginaw Township and Township staff would view the general burial of horses as a pet cemetery and it would not be allowed. Personally owned horses may be buried on their private property.
2. Beverly Shaw of 7190 Tittabawassee inquired as to why the applicant would want to bring his business to this particular property. Mr. Brucker stated the property is already properly zoned for this use and it is the preference of the property owner. Dr. Cumper added that a black oak and cedar post fence will be used as opposed to vinyl that breaks easier in cold weather. They will install a double fence for protection of the horses. It will have the same visual effect as the property on the southeast corner of Tittabawassee and N. River Road. Dr. Cumper has already installed this particular fence on his property on Pierce and Hospital Roads.

There being no further comments, Mr. Brucker closed the public hearing portion of this proposed special use and site plan.

Discussion followed among the Planning Commission members.

Motion by Mr. Majask, supported by Mr. Nolan, to recommend approval of the proposed special use plan (SUP-09-06) upon the following fourteen (14) conditions listed below:

1. Approval of a final site plan by the Community Development Department, Fire Department, Building Department and the Department of Public Services.
2. A storm water management plan shall be submitted, along with the required checklist and calculations, and approved by the Township Engineer as part of the final site plan. Fees associated with the review will be passed on to the developer.

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Other New Business:

- A. The Planning Commission discussed the letter they received from Diane Johnson regarding the zoning of the property at 6215 Gratiot Road. Ms. Smith stated there are a scattering of parcels in the Township that are residential with commercial zoning. The homeowner would like to rezone it to R-1, Low Density Residential and is inquiring of the Planning Commission their thoughts and views about rezoning this property. After some discussion the Planning Commission determined that rezoning this property would be contrary to the Future Land Use Map and would not be in the best interest of the Township. The property is surrounded by B-1, Office Business Commercial and is located west of Café Suz and east of the Saginaw ISD offices. The Planning Commission instructed Bridget Smith to send a letter to Ms. Johnson regarding their recommendation and let her know that this is not an official decision but a response to her inquiry as she is welcome to pursue a rezoning.
- B. Mr. Brucker presented Mr. Anderson with a plaque for his ten years of service and read the following:

**RESOLUTION
in honor of
John “Jack” R. Anderson**

***WHEREAS**, Jack R. Anderson served on the Saginaw Charter Township Planning Commission from September 13, 1999 to December 16, 2009; and*

***WHEREAS**, during his ten years of service Mr. Anderson helped shape our community by participating in the planning of many of the Township’s development projects including the Tittabawassee Road Access Management Plan; Cardinal Square; Bay Road/M-84 Access Management Plan; the Campus Business District and the 2007 Comprehensive Development Plan update; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission appreciates Mr. Anderson’s competence and dedication to the work of the Planning Commission, and Saginaw Charter Township through his thoughtful action and dedicated and professional demeanor both as a Planning Commissioner, Planning Commission Secretary and Township resident.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commission hereby expresses its gratitude to Jack Anderson for his outstanding service to the Planning Commission and the Saginaw Charter Township community.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this Commission and be presented to Jack Anderson and forwarded to the Saginaw Charter Township Board of Trustees.*

The above set forth Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Saginaw Charter Township Planning Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

*Peter Brucker, Chairman Ed Majask, Vice-Chairman John Anderson, Secretary
Clayton Nolan Barry Nelson Amy Seaver*

Mr. Anderson thanked the Planning Commission and stated it was a privilege serving with them.

