

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Proposed Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2021

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, April, 2021, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Aubry
Rich Bailey
Charles Bibart (Zoom)
Eric Jasiak (Zoom)
Dave Reno (Zoom)
Tamra Stafford (Zoom)
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh (Zoom)
Zoning Administrator Hamilton (Zoom)
Nathan Miersma

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Erik Jasiak with support from Dave Aubry to approve the agenda as issued. **Motion carried 7-0**

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Rich Bailey to approve the proposed minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting, as issued. **Motion carried 7-0**

CITIZEN TIME:

Nathan Miersma sought to gauge the Planning Commissioner's views about changing the zoning of two parcels in Section 34. One parcel is currently zoned C/R and the other is zoned RR. Nathan wishes to rezone them to AG. Commissioners discussed any requirements to include land designated C/R in within the township. Supervisor Ulsh will follow-up to determine if such a requirement exists. Should there be no requirement, Commissioners generally felt a path to rezoning the two parcels is possible. As the Future Land Use Plan currently designates the parcels as Rural Preservation, a change of this plan would be required in addition to an application to change the zoning of the two parcels.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Front Yard Setbacks

At the request of Administrator Hamilton, Commissioners discussed the absence of ordinance language addressing activities which are permitted/restricted in the areas of parcels circumscribed by lot lines, right-of-way's, and lot setback lines. While there is no specific ordinance language addressing this topic, Commissioners were generally comfortable with temporary activity/storage in front yard setback areas provided there were no safety or esthetic concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of a Secretary

Supervisor Ulsh is working on filling expected vacancies on the Commission and possible Secretary nominations.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Tamra Stafford updated the Commission on Board activity including approval of a budget, phone system changes, and upgrade of the Township website.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No items were discussed.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No items were discussed.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Charles Bibart with support from Dave Aubry at 6:40 pm. **Motion carried 7-0**

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart

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