

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2019

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, April 1, 2019, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Bibart
Greg Feldmeier
Eric Jasiak
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Aubry

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh
Administrator Hamilton
10 other attendees

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Len Jaworski to approve the agenda noting that Public Hearings would be held for the Special Land Use Applications for New Business Agenda Items a. and b. **Motion carried 6-0**

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by Greg Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting, without correction. **Motion carried 6-0**

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Special Land Use Application, Public Hearing, and Site Plan Review for a communication tower on the Wiley property.

Chairman Visel opened the Public Hearing at 6:03pm to consider the Special Land Use Application of PT Tower Development for the installation of a communications tower on the Wiley property. Fred Low from PT Tower addressed each of the Ordinance's Specific Standards for communication towers (23.7.3).

As no other comments were received, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:15pm.

As the application met the Specific (23.7.3) and general Standards (23.3), a motion to approve the application was made by Len Jaworski with support from Greg Feldmeier .**Motion carried 6-0**

Fred Low then presented the site plan for the proposed tower. As the plan met all the Standards for approval (24.6.2), a motion to approve the site plan was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Charles Bibart.

Motion carried 6-0

- b. Special Land Use Application, Public Hearing, and Site Plan Review for Ruzick family automotive facility.

Chairman Visel opened the Public Hearing at 6:24pm to consider the Special Land Use Application of the Ruzick family for conversion of an existing facility on Portage Road for use as a vehicle sales, service, and repair facility. Dan Ruzick addressed each of the Ordinance's Standards for Special Land Use approval. (23.3)

As no other comments were received, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:28pm.

As the application met the general Standards (23.3), a motion to approve the application was made by Len Jaworski with support from Dave Reno.

Motion carried 6-0

Dan Ruzick discussed the proposed Site Plan for the automotive facility. Waivers for several site plan requirements were requested given the facility's previous use as an automotive facility and the extensive photo documentation in the application.

As the plan, with the requested waivers, met all the Standards for approval (24.6.2), a motion to approve the site plan was made by Eric Jasiak with support from Greg Feldmeier, pending completion of signage decisions (to be reviewed and approved by Administrator Hamilton).

Motion carried 6-0

c. Site Plan Review: Connections Community Church Addition

Tyler Cravens present the proposed Site Plan for the addition to Connections Community Church on U Avenue.

As the plan, met all the Standards for approval (24.6.2), a motion to approve the site plan was made by Dave Reno with support from Len Jaworski.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

No items were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Greg Feldmeier updated the Commission on ZBA's approval of T.A. Scott's application for a variance from Ordinance lot coverage requirements for a building project on Barton Lake.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

Administrator Hamilton reviewed Home Based Businesses in anticipation of a resident opening up a brewery in his garage.

Supervisor Ulsh along with township officials and Lenny's family presented Len Jaworski with a proclamation of appreciation for Len's 35year tenure as a Township Planning Commissioner. **Congratulations and thank you for all your service, Len.** We will miss you.

Len adjourned his last meeting somewhere in the vicinity of 7:00pm!

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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