

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission
Proposed Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, August 5, 2019

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, August 5, 2019, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Aubry
Charles Bibart (6:02)
Greg Feldmeier (6:02)
Eric Jasiak
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rich Bailey

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh
Three residents

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Dave Aubry with support from Dave Reno to approve the agenda as issued. **Motion carried 4-0**

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Eric Jasiak to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting, without correction. **Motion carried 4-0**

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Crushed Asphalt (discussed after the site plan reviews)

Chairman Visel reported on his review of best practices for parking lot surfaces. Commissioners generally favored expansion of our ordinance language to include and encourage more permeable parking surfaces. Chairman Visel volunteered to provide some draft language at our next meeting.

- b. Big C Lumber Site Plan Review

Mike Wright was present to discuss the addition of a new storage building on the Big C site on US 131. The plan met the checklist requirements with the exception of a property survey. As the plan generally met the ordinance requirements of 24.6 a motion to approve the plan including waiver of the property survey requirement (as the new building was well within the original site plan footprint), was made by Dave Aubry with support from Greg Feldmeier. **Motion carried 6-0**

c. Singh Automation Site Plan Review

Gurdeep Singh presented a proposed site plan for a new manufacturing facility on US 131 for the fabrication of automation equipment, a permitted use in this district. Discussion centered on US 131 access and the potential for shared driveways. Mr. Singh informed the Commission that MDOT was facilitating a meeting of adjacent business owners to explore the possibility of shared driveways. As the Commission considered this a good faith effort to meet applicable ordinance requirements, checklist requirements (including a property survey) would be met upon completion of the property acquisition, and the proposed plan generally met the ordinance requirements of 24.6, a motion to grant conditional approval of the plan was made by Dave Aubry with support from Dave Reno.

The conditions for full site plan approval include: written confirmation from MDOT of the US 131 access resolution, receipt of a property survey, adjustment and Commission review of any changes to the site plan required by resolution of the access issue.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS: No items were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD: No issues beyond the Proposed Board Minutes included in the meeting materials were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No ZBA meetings were held.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

Chairman Visel suggested that Commissioners consider ways to refresh general understanding of key ordinance requirements.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dave Aubry with support from Eric Jasiak at 8:03 pm. **Motion carried 6-0**

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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