

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, December 9, 2019

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Rich Bailey
Charles Bibart
Greg Feldmeier
Eric Jasiak
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Reno

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh
Administrator Hamilton
Nine residents

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Dave Aubry to approve the agenda as issued.

Motion carried 6-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Charles Bibart to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN TIME:

Mark Maki, supported by Bill Adams, informed the Commission about the formation of a group of residents to consider and discuss the future impact, township-wide, on the development of the Mill near Vicksburg. The group hopes to work with the Mill and local governmental bodies to mitigate the effects of the Mill on the quality of life for the local residents.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Special Use Permit for Dunshee Autobody

Joe Townsend discussed his Application to add an additional use of Automotive Sales Area to his Automotive Repair Garage facility.

The application suggested approval by the Administrative Site Plan Review process (24.12) and thus did not include a proposed site plan. Chairman Visel noted that the ASPR process may not be used when a new use is added, according to the ordinance (24.12), and that a site plan is needed to document the new use at the facility.

John Stahl, neighbor to the facility, discussed his concerns with current and future operations of the facility, including odors, noise, and pollution.

Marti Moore, neighbor to the facility, expressed thanks that Mr. Townsend had done a good job cleaning up the facility grounds.

As Automotive Sales Area is a permitted special use in the zoning district but is subject to a site plan approval, a motion was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Dave Aubry to approve the application upon receipt of an approved site plan. Administrator Hamilton will review and approve the site plan when it meets the requirements of 24.2. In addition, approval is conditioned on limiting the hours of operation for the new use to 8:00 am to 5 pm daily.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Greg Feldmeier discussed the Board's consideration of pursuing a Charter Township designation for Schoolcraft Township.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No ZBA meetings were held.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No items were discussed.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dave Aubry with support from Greg Feldmeier at 6:55 pm.

Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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