

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Proposed Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 2, 2018

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, April 2, 2018, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Aubry
Charles Bibart
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Feldmeier
Erik Jasiak

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh
Three township residents

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Dave Reno with support from Len Jaworski to approve the agenda as issued. **Motion carried 5-0**

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING: A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Dave Reno to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting, without correction. **Motion carried 5-0**

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Tom and Chad Scott addressed the Commission regarding their application for a building permit. They believe that current ordinance language permits the exclusion of any attached deck areas when calculating the "Max Building Cover" (Article 20, p. 20-2). Tom and Chad were seeking concurrence of the Commission in order to help secure the building permit.

After much discussion of the pertinent ordinance paragraphs covering, principle building/structures, accessory building/structures, and decks it was determined that more consideration should be given to how well the pertinent ordinance paragraphs convey the intent of the ordinance.

As such, Administrator Hamilton, Chairman Visel, and Secretary Bibart will meet to discuss the issue and return any appropriate recommendations to the full Commission.

New Business: No items were discussed.

Old Business:

- a. Private Roads : The Commission continued discussion on proposed ordinance language for Private Roads. Commissioners generally favored eliminating reference to “3-20 lots” in 18.9.6 and all of section 18.18.4. Also, width requirements should be addressed in section 18.18.3.

It was also noted that the sections need to be renumbered and formatted to be consistent with our current ordinance format.

- b. Chickens: Agreement was reached that structures built pursuant to this ordinance section would be considered to be an “Accessory Building” if they were constructed as permanent structures only.
- c. Docks: Agreement was reached to eliminate section 5.6.3, as it is not interpretable and enforceable.

(All three drafts will be reviewed at our net meeting prior to scheduling a public hearing.)

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD: Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission on Board activity including recreational trail activities in the Villages and decommissioning of the private motocross facility.

MEMBER’S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME: Chairman reported on his review of the Schoolcraft Village’s Master Plan. As there was minimum impact on the Township, no feedback comments were proposed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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