

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 2, 2015

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Ron Avis
Charles Bibart
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno
Barry Visel (6:10 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Hovenkamp

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe
Supervisor Ulsh
Tom Wheat

Vice Chairman Reno opened the meeting at 6:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 5-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting, with correction of the date of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2014.

Motion carried 5-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Site Plan Review-Medical Facility

Tom Wheat from Prein&Newhof was present to discuss the proposed site plan for a new ambulatory health care training facility at 12080 North US 131. Discussion centered on the applicable setback for structures and signage, preparation for possible shared access, and lighting. Regarding the setback for signage, the Commission determined that the controlling requirement was 25.13.1.C on page 25-8 which requires a minimum of five feet setback from the adjoining street right-of-way. Regarding shared access, at this point the parcels north and south of the proposed site are undeveloped so direct access to US 131 is permitted by the ordinance, provided the Site Plan provides contingencies for shared access for the adjacent parcels, should development occur in the future. Regarding lighting, the Commission requested that the external lighting be cut-off fixtures.

As the proposed site plan met requirements, a motion was made by Dave Reno with support from Ron Avis to approve the plan with the following conditions: 1.the site retain contingency for shared access for the future development of the adjoining parcels and 2. external lighting be cut-off lighting.

Motion carried 6-0

b. 2015 fiscal year meeting planning and elections

The Commission agreed with retaining the monthly first-Monday meeting days with the exception of the September meeting due to holiday conflict. The starting time of the meeting will either be 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm to be determined at our March meeting. Election of officers will occur at our March meeting and all Commission members will carefully consider this opportunity to lead and serve for the next fiscal year.

c. Vicksburg 2015 Master Plan

Discussion of the Vicksburg 2015 Master Plan centered on appropriate input from SCIC and the impact of zoning of parcels adjacent to Village parcels in the planning considerations for these Village parcels. A motion was made by Len Jaworski with support from Ron Avis that a written response be prepared by Chairman Visel and Secretary Bibart to be delivered prior to the response deadline.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

a. GAAMPS Farm Markets

This agenda item was postponed until the March meeting, as the memo prepared by Attorney Rolfe outlining draft ordinance language was omitted from the information package mailed out to Commission members.

b. Energy Generating Facilities

Discussion of the Commission regarding Attorney Rolfe's tentative text of proposed ordinance amendments pertaining to solar energy generating facilities and accessory solar energy systems centered on the 5KW limit for accessory solar energy systems. The Commission was generally in agreement with all sections prepared by Attorney Rolfe and proposed moving the proposed amendment to the next step.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission on the issuance of a citation of zoning violation on the 23rd street parcel and the April 1 transition to SCMCCI from MTS as our service provider for building inspections, zoning administration, and ordinance enforcement.

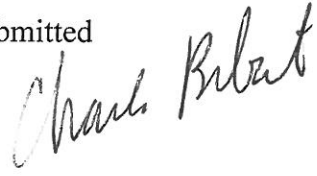
REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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