

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, February 5, 2018.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Greg Feldmeier
Len Jaworski
Eric Jasiak
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Bibart

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by L Jaworski with support from G Feldmeier to approve the agenda as issued.

Motion carried 6-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by D Aubry with support from G Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Fred Bean, builder (15924 Rustic Lane) asked about placement of a pole barn on two adjoining parcels at Prairie Edge Estates #3. The parcels are zoned differently and he would like to build a pole barn across the parcel line. After discussion, Chairman Visel offered three options: (1) change the larger parcel to R1, (2) change the smaller parcel to Ag, (3) file an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Visel said he would contact the township supervisor and zoning administrator to discuss options.

OLD BUSINESS

In light of the fact that the remaining attendees were here for the public hearing, the order of agenda was amended to bring the hearing forward.

Public hearing: Site Plan Review and Special Use opened at 6:23 pm.

Terry Smith-Indiana Michigan Power, Jeff Bernalt, builder, Debbie DeHart, resident 14025 S. 14th St.
Concern (1) Height of structures: plans call for 32 ft at most, limited to 35 ft.

Concern (2) Noise and view: a landscape barrier on the north side will be planted thick enough to block the view of the site and sounds.

A soil mound on the site will remain due to environmental contamination.

A question was asked regarding a blast wall to protect neighboring homes similar to a site in Mendon. The site was built by a different utility and Indiana Michigan does not plan such a wall.

Drainage on the site will run to the south.

Public hearing closed at (6:37 pm)

Moved by E Jasiak with support from G Feldmeier to recommend the site plan review meeting all standards for approval to the Township Board.

Motion carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

Private Roads: Chairman Visel gave a short history of private roads in the township and the commission began in review Article 18. After reviewing the text, the commission decided to return the Article to the township counsel for additional editing and clarification.

OLD BUSINESS (part II)

b. Chickens: After reviewing the text, the commission decided to return the Article 22.2 to the township counsel for additional editing and clarification on subsections 22.2.1, 22.2.2c, 22.2.4, 22.2.5, 22.26, and questioned locating chickens and/or ducks in R1 and R2 zones.

c. Docks: Moved by D Reno with support from D Aubry to table until next commission meeting when Secretary Bibart will rejoin the commission.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Barton lake special assessment took 35 minutes to approve.

Dr. Randy Stitt, Schoolcraft Community Schools discussed the districts Facebook project.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

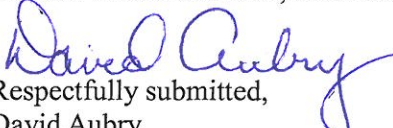
Nothing was reported.

MEMBERS' TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

a. Kalamazoo County Master Plan (kalcountymasterplan.org) reveled two items: 1) the counties have no control over local governments, 2) the Schoolcraft Township and the county masterplan are almost identical.

b. The March meeting will have election of officers and the selection of meeting dates.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.


Respectfully submitted,
David Aubry