

## **Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2015

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Aubry  
Ron Avis  
Charles Bibart  
Len Jaworski  
Ken Hovenkamp  
Dave Reno  
Barry Visel

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Attorney Rolfe  
Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Len Jaworski with support from Ken Hovenkamp to approve the agenda as issued, with a corrected date of 1/5/2015.

**Motion carried 7-0**

### **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014, meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 7-0 <sup>cb</sup>

## CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission concerning two upcoming issues: site plan review for a new medical facility on US131 and Prairie Edge Estates possible site condo designations.

## NEW BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

## OLD BUSINESS

### a. GAAMPS Farm Markets

The Commission discussed Farm Markets section of attorney Rolfe's memo of 5/8/14.

Regarding "roadside stands", the Commission generally favored inclusion of this use in the ordinance and its proposed definition. Commission members also favored appropriate setbacks, consistent with the parcel zoning, to protect adjoining residences.

Regarding "farm markets", the Commission generally favored a minimum of 50% home grown component for farm products including processed farm products. Commission members generally favored up to 50% non-home grown component for farm products including processed farm products. The Commission favored addressing all other activities, services, and parking through existing ordinance requirements. Commission members favored appropriate setbacks, consistent with the parcel zoning, to protect adjoining residences.

Regarding Farmer's Market, The Commission favored addressing this aspect through existing ordinance requirements.

Attorney Rolfe will draft proposed new ordinance language covering roadside stands and farm markets for Commission consideration.

b. Energy Generating Facilities

The Commission reviewed and discussed Attorney Rolfe's 12/1/14 memo addressing potential land use issues for solar energy generating facilities. Commission members generally agreed to the definitions, applicable zoning districts, and approval standards (1-10) proposed to be included by attorney Rolfe.

Attorney Rolfe will draft proposed new ordinance language covering Solar Energy Generating Facilities for Commission consideration.

**REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Ken Hovenkamp and Attorney Rolfe updated the commission on actions and activities concerning the 23<sup>rd</sup> street motocross facility as well as Township activity concerning dangerous buildings.

**REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

No report was received.

**MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME**

Chairman Visel asked Commission members to review the Village of Vicksburg Proposed Comprehensive 2015 Master Plan, available on line at [www.vicksburgmi.org](http://www.vicksburgmi.org), for discussion at our next meeting.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart  
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