

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2016

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
Ron Avis
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Bibart
Ken Hovenkamp
Barry Visel

Other Attendees: Supervisor Ulsh
Attorney Rolfe

Vice-Chair Aubry opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Jaworski with support from Avis to approve the agenda: Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Reno with support from Avis to table approval of minutes until later in the meeting giving all members time to review. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Public Hearing: Joyce Alling rezone 14 acres from R-1 to RR opened at 6:05 pm. The commission found the subject parcel to be consistent with the Future Land Use Map. Public hearing closed at 6:10 pm. A motion was made by Jaworski with support from Avis to recommend the Township Board approve rezoning the subject property in its entirety to the RR Rural Residential District zoning classification, consistent with the planning designation for the property on the Schoolcraft Township Master Plan Future Land Use Plan map. Motion carried 4-0.
- B. Public Hearing: Thomas Parish rezone 23.5 acres from R-1 to RR opened at 6:12 pm.

Attorney Hunter Avis (Linnell & Assoc.) representing Parish explained two possible options for rezone 1) Rezone entire parcel to RR 2) Split-zone the parcel so that the road front portion of the property remain R1 and the rear of the property rezone to RR.

Neighbors to the north expressed concern over the number of animals allowed in the RR zone.

The public hearing closed at 6:20 pm.

Reno noted that retaining R-1 in the front part of the parcel vs rezoning the entire parcel to RR would reduce the overall number of animals allowed on the parcel.

A motion was made by Reno with support from Avis to recommend the Township Board approve rezoning to the RR Rural Residential District zoning classification the part of the subject property with a Rural Preservation planning designation on the Schoolcraft Township Master Plan map, and retain the existing R-1 Medium Density Residential District zoning classification for the (front) part of the property which has a Medium Density Residential planning designation on the Future Land Use Plan map. Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Ernie Best inquired about rezoning a parcel on Mandigo Rd. from R1 to RR.

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Jaworki with support from Avis to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting, with the correction of VanAndel's comment to read "We are *not* doing that" when referring to railcar transfers.
Motion carried 4-0.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S TIME:

Aubry asked that the Lawn Mowing Ordinance be enforced at 4577 E. TU Ave.

With no further business a motion was made by Avis with support from Jaworski to adjourn at 6:45 pm.
Motion carried 4-0.

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