

# Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, June 4, 2018

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry (6:10 PM)  
Charles Bibart  
Greg Feldmeier  
Eric Jasiak  
Len Jaworski  
Barry Visel

## MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dave Reno

## OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh  
Administrator Hamilton  
Eight citizens

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Len Jaworski with support from Greg Feldmeier to approve the agenda as issued. **Motion carried 5-0**

## **MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

A motion was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Greg Feldmeier to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting, without correction. **Motion carried 5-0**

## **CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

No items were discussed.

## **New Business:**

### a. Kasten Enterprises- Site Plan Review

Robert Allen was present to discuss the proposed addition of a storage building at the US 131 site. It was determined that a Special Use Permit was not needed as the addition was not considered to be the Principle Structure in the complex. As the site plan was consistent with requirements, a motion to approve the site plan was made by Greg Feldmeier with support from Erik Jasiak. **Motion carried 6-0**

### b. KW Equipment Co. -Site Plan Review

Jeff Inman was present to discuss the proposed addition of liquid fuel tanks for bulk storage and distribution at the US 131 Co-Alliance site. It was noted that the current ordinance addresses only bulk storage of liquid propane so does not explicitly permit other fuels. As commission members generally favored the inclusion of the bulk storage of all fuels in the US 131 Corridor and the L1 Local Industrial District as a Special Use, amended ordinance language to include bulk fuel storage will be proposed. A public hearing will be noticed for our next meeting to include the proposed ordinance change along with a tentative Special Use Application from KW Equipment.

### c. Clover Leaf Car Co. – Site Plan Review

Jill Johnson was present to discuss the proposed use of the US 131 property to include outdoor storage and sales of RV's and boats. As these are permitted uses, a motion to approve the site plan, noting that the 75-foot front setback and the 15-foot side setback must be noted on the site plan and met in use, was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Greg Feldmeier. **Motion carried 6-0**

### d. Public Hearing-Proposed Ordinance Changes

1. Parking
2. Private Roads
3. Chickens
4. Docks

Chairman Visel opened the public hearing at 6:53 pm.

1. Parking: No public comments were received.
2. Private Roads: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stapert inquired about the status of current private roads in the Township. Chairman Visel informed them that current private roads are not impacted by the ordinance change.
3. Chickens: Administrator Hamilton suggested that the proposed ordinance language be changed to exempt from the auxiliary building count any coop and pen which was less than or equal to 80 square feet in area. Commissioners generally favored this change.

4. Docks: Administrator Hamilton noted the using property line extensions has the potential to create restricted dock areas in situations involving lakes with tight coves. If such situations arise affected property owners could consider an alternate riparian template using extensions to the lake center instead.

Tom Stapert objected to the 10-foot dock set back from property line extensions as he would like to extend a dock from a 10-foot lake access corridor on Kimball Lake. It was noted that the current ordinance requires the 10-foot setback for docks to allow reasonable navigation lanes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

A motion was made by Charles Bibart with support from Len Jaworski to recommend the Township Board approve the above proposed ordinance changes as written with alteration of the "Chickens" section as noted above.

**Motion carried 6-0**

**OLD BUSINESS**

No items were discussed.

**REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**

Greg Feldmeier updated the Commission on activities of the Board including a tax exemption application from Kasten Enterprises.

**REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

No report was received.

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

Chairman Visel noted that Paper City Development will be providing tours of their proposed project in Vicksburg on 6/7,14,23. Reservations can be made at (202) 492-3638.

Supervisor Ulsh noted the MTA meeting to discuss GAAMPS and other farming topics scheduled for 7/18 at the Fetzer Center.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charles Bibart  
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