

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 7, 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
Charles Bibart
Len Jaworski
Ken Hovenkamp
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh
Don Bonnema
Tom Clark
Dan Walters
Ken and Terry Walthius
Zoning Administrator Hamilton

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 7-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 7-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dan Walters initiated a discussion concerning the permissibility of splitting off and selling a home, now held in trust, on a 157 acre tract of land zoned AG. After much discussion concerning the interpretation of ordinance language dealing with permitted uses in this zoning district, a general consensus was reached that the family should consult with Attorney Rolfe and Assessor Brousseau to discuss permissible remaining splits of the concerned tract.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Site Plan review for Connections Church

Don Bonnema and Tom Clark were present to discuss the Site Plan for Connections Church. It was noted by Zoning Administrator Hamilton that the checklist was complete and acceptable. It was further noted that the church will be built on a parcel with split zoning, with new construction taking place only in the US 131 Corridor Commercial/Industrial District. After plan review, the Commission reviewed and confirmed compliance with ordinance approval conditions, 24.6. A motion was made by Ken Hovenkamp with support from Ron Avis to approve the Site Plan as submitted.

Motion carried 7-0

b. Election of Officers for 2016

A motion to nominate and elect the current slate of Commission officers was made by Ken Hovenkamp with support from Dave Reno.

Chairman: Barry Visel
Vice Chairman: Dave Aubry
Secretary: Charles Bibart

Motion carried 7-0

c. 2016 Meeting dates

A motion was made by Ken Hovenkamp with support from Len Jaworski to adopt a resolution to hold Planning Commission Meetings, for the 2016 fiscal year, on the first Monday of each month, except for July and September which will be held on the second Monday.

Motion carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated Commission members of recent Township Board discussions including: increasing the Barton Lake assessment for weed control, dangerous building destruction, and new noise control ordinance in the Township.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No report was received.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No items were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Charles Bibart

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