

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2016

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Aubry
Ron Avis
Charles Bibart
Len Jaworski
Ken Hovenkamp (6:30)
Dave Reno
Barry Visel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Ulsh
County Commissioner John Gisler
Marissa Laderach, Beckett&Raeder
Lotta Jarneselt, County Planning
Sandy Bliesener, County Planning

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 6-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Len Jaworski and supported by Ron Avis to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

County Commissioner John Gisel introduced himself to Planning Commission members.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Countywide Master Plan

Marissa Laderach, Lotta Jarneselt, and Sandy Bliesener were present to discuss the new Kalamazoo County initiative to assemble a countywide master plan. The initiative is intended to assemble an overall summary of the twenty four plans from the County's villages, cities, and townships. The countywide plan will function as an extension of planning material for municipalities, not a competing master plan with overarching authority. The initiative will allow the County planning group to apply for project specific grants.

A summary of the Schoolcraft Township's Master Plan Goals, Objectives, and Policies was prepared by the County and provided to the Planning Commission for review and comment. Secretary Bibart requested that the reference to PUD be deleted from the summary, as it is inconsistent with our current ordinance.

The County effort is expected to be completed mid next year and will be subject to review and comment by all municipalities.

OLD BUSINESS

No items were discussed.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on the process for filling the Township Attorney's position.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Ken Hovenkamp updated the Commission on the exemption granted for the placement of a pole barn on a 23rd St residence. The applicant was hemmed in by wetlands.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

No items were discussed.

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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