

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Proposed Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, July 1, 2013

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, July 1, 2013, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ken Hovenkamp

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Attorney Rolfe
Supervisor Ulsh
Casey Oatley
John Harvey

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried 6-0

MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Dave Aubry and supported by Len Jawoski to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013, meeting, without correction.

Motion carried 6-0

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Site plan review: J. Rettenmaier Office Expansion

Casey Oatley and John Harvey were present to discuss the proposed site plan for expansion of the office and laboratory facilities at the US 131 Rettenmaier facility, necessitated by growth of operations at the site. After brief review it was determined that the plan met all Township requirements and a motion to approve the plan was made by Len Jaworski, supported by Ron Avis.

Motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Master Plan review

The Commission discussed the requirement to review the Master Plan to determine if any changes were warranted at this time. At this point, members felt that the plan was appropriate on all major issues. Commission Members will further review the plan for continued discussion at our next meeting. Attorney Rolfe informed the Commission that when the Master Plan is next amended, any new legal requirements will be integrated.

- b. accessory building height limitations, privacy fencing

Discussion continued on accessory building height limitations with Commission Members generally favoring to keep the current ordinance language.

Discussion continued on permitting privacy fencing in the front yard. Attorney Rolfe will draft some ordinance language to address front yard fencing for review at our August meeting.

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Attorney Rolfe mentioned that the Board had approved the updated Township Ordinance language recommended by the Planning Commission at our June meeting. This approval will trigger the issuance of a fully reformatted and updated ordinance.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Attorney Rolfe briefly reviewed two variance applications from the Barton Lake area considered at the June 13, 2013 meeting. The ZBA granted one applicant a variance due to a steep "fall-off" on the lot. The other variance application was not approved as the applicant had viable options which did not require a variance.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME

(See Report From Township Board, above)

With no further business, Chairman Visel adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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