

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 11, 2017

A meeting of the Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at the Schoolcraft Township Hall commencing at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Aubry
Charles Bibart
Greg Feldmeier
Len Jaworski
Dave Reno

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barry Visel

OTHER ATTENDEES: Supervisor Ulsh

Chairman Aubry opened the meeting at 6:00 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 June 5, 2017 meeting, without correction. **Motion carried 5-0**

CITIZEN TIME ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No items were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: No items were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Chickens The Commission continued discussion to add ordinance language allowing the raising of chickens and ducks in parcels zoned residential. Supervisor Ulsh provided examples from Portage, Kalamazoo, and Oshtemo and indicated that the township board was generally in favor of allowing such.

After reviewing the examples from neighboring municipalities a motion was made by Dave Reno and supported by Charles Bibart to recommend to the Township Board that the Township Attorney draft an ordinance section to allow the raising of up to six hens (no roosters) and ducks in single family residences in designated R1 and R2 parcels. Commissioners favored the style and coverage provided in the Portage ordinance which would require a permit application and include requirements providing protection for neighbors. **Motion carried 5-0**

REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission on sewer progress in the Township.

REPORT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Supervisor Ulsh updated the Commission on the non-conforming properties on Howard Lake which have no frontage on a public or designated private road.

MEMBER'S TIME AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TIME: Len Jaworski discussed several concerns about the maintenance of some parcels in the township.

With no further business, Vice Chairman Aubry adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Bibart
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