



Grass Lake Charter Township Planning Commission
04162020 approved PC Minutes
Grass Lake Charter Township Hall
373 Lakeside Dr Grass Lake, MI 49240

1. Call to Order – 7:04 pm.

Meeting was held using Zoom PC Video Conferencing Facilities.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members present: _P_Tom Brennan, _P_Jim Ducey, _P_Jere Hinkle, _P_Mark Jewell, _P_Dale Lucas, _P_Nancy Prindle, _P_Jim Warbritton (P = present Blank = absent). Also also in attendance were Doug Lammers- Zoning Enforcement Administrator, Jim Stormont township supervisor and 8 Public members.

4. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Brennan and supported by Ducey to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Warbritton and supported by Prindle that the February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. New Business

Case #20-02-0003 -- Holiday Campground Site Plan Review.

- a. Kristine Willis presented a proposed Holiday campground expansion of 32 full hookup sites. This would increase the total number of sites to 227.
- b. Three new drain fields are proposed. Existing power facilities will be incorporated into the proposed expansion. Ms. Willis indicated that no complaints regarding campground operation have been received from adjacent property owners. Given the central location of the proposed expansion on the campground property, it is expected that these sites would generate few, if any, complaints from neighboring property owners. The gathering of permits from appropriate Jackson County (Health Department and Drain Commission) and State review agencies is proceeding. The Grass Lake Charter Township Fire

Department has approved the proposed expansion. Hinkle requested that the legal description of the site parcel and the existing zoning of both the site parcel and that of parcels adjacent to the site parcel be included in the site plan. Ms. Willis indicated that this will be done.

- c. A motion was made by Brennan, and supported by Jewell, to approve Site Plan #20-02-0003 contingent on plan changes requested by Hinkle and receipt of approval of all appropriate State and County Agencies. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission – non agenda items

- a. Ruth McDaniels – Stated that she does not support this meeting because its teleconferencing format limits public participation/involvement. She also noted there is work being performed at the Bohne Rd. gravel pit. She indicated that this work was improper because the pit is not an essential business.
- b. Richard Murphy stated that he has received unnamed complaints regarding the inability of the public to make township officials aware of their problems/concerns because of inadequate communication facilities. He indicated the township Drop box, Web site and phone system that are currently used for communications are inadequate.
- c. Star Price Crowdis related a recent incident regarding contact between her and alleged employees at the Bohne Road Gravel pit. She indicated that she was going to report this to the State's Attorney General requesting investigation.

8. Township Board Report – Tom Brennan

- a. The Township Board is considering a township millage proposal vote to rehabilitate and repair township local roads. This vote is scheduled for vote in August of this year.

9. Old Business

- a. Bohne Road Mine Status – Lammers reported that he has had two recent visits to the mine site and discussions with the owner. The operator has been working with Washtenaw Engineering to address the pond creation/expansion violations for which that they have been cited by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Dredging operations have been suspended until the cited violations have been resolved to EGLE's satisfaction. Dryland mining, and product processing/distribution is allowed to continue in accordance with EGLE's violation citation. The mine's operator estimates that the current year's mining/processing activity at the Bohne Road pit would be 10 to 20 percent of 2019's activities.
- b. Version 6 of Mining Text Amendment -- Because of the video conferencing format of the Commission meeting, the scheduled Public Hearing for the mining text amendment was deferred. The Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2020. Two letters have been received commenting on the current version (6) text. These letters are attached.

10. Proposed Business for Next Regular Meeting and Meeting Date

- a. The next meeting is scheduled on May 21, 2020. It is anticipated that this meeting will be able to be held at the Township Hall without videoconferencing.
- b. Public hearing on Francisco Road S Power solar farm site plan review.

11. General Discussion

Some general discussion of activities at the Bohne Road gravel continued.

12. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Hinkle at 8:50pm and supported by Warbritton. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Jim Ducey, Secretary

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Attachments;

1. Miller Letter
2. Lester letter