



Grass Lake Township Planning Commission  
**07212021 approved PC minutes**  
Grass Lake Charter Township Hall  
373 Lakeside Dr Grass Lake, MI 49240

## **Approved Planning Commission Minutes**

July 21, 2021

7:00 pm

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Hinkle called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

Jere Hinkle P, Jim Ducey P, Marc Cuddie P, Jim Warbritton P, Dale Lucas A, Mark Jewell P, Thomas Brennan P

Also present: Supervisor John Lesinski, Zoning Admin Doug Lammers, Recording Secretary Heather McDougall, Township attorney Kyle O'Meara, AV Jim Hall and, approximately 15 public members in person or virtual via Zoom.

### **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Duce and seconded by Brennan that the agenda be accepted as modified. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Ducey and seconded by Jewel that the June Meeting minutes be approved as modified. All ayes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ducey and seconded by Hinkle to close the general meeting and open a public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Hearing-- Case #21-07-0005 - Proposed Norvell Road Events Venue**

Project Presentation

Dale and Matthew Fisher, with Joanne Ackerman as spokesperson, presented a

Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) application and an accompanying Site Plan for a 12 acre property at 1916 Norvell Road for establishment of an events venue. This property has recently been rezoned from Residential to Agricultural use.

#### Public Comments

Susan Stewart, Adam Burman, Rick Murphy and Bobbi Llewellyn Harper all spoke favorably of the proposed project and recommended its approval by the Commission.

#### Close Public Hearing

Chairman Hinkle moved, supported by Brennan, to close the public hearing and reconvene the general meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **New Business-**

Case #21-07-0005 - Proposed Norvell Road Events Venue

Township attorney Kyle O'Meara addressed the Commission. He spoke on how this is a complicated case for zoning compliance and the need for a mutual plan to move forward incorporating the conditions agreed to in a prior consent judgment. Mr. Fisher has submitted an incomplete SLUP application and accompanying Site Plan. Mr. O'Meara detailed the missing items that remain to be addressed and those to which the Zoning Administrator has jurisdiction to dismiss as not required for this SLUP and Site Plan application.

Ducey moved, and Warbritton seconded, that the Township Attorney draft a resolution giving conditional approval to the SLUP and site plan for the Fisher application for review and consideration by the Commission. The conditions of approval will require that Fisher timely submit additional SLUP and Site Plan information deemed relevant for the Commission's consideration. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Township Board Report**

Brennan reported that Diane DeBoe is stepping down as Township Assessor at the end of July. A new hire has started working to ensure a smooth transition in the Assessor's office.

#### **Old Business:**

Master Plan Status – The Community Survey has generated 398 electronic and 5 written responses thus far. The survey will continue to the end of July. At that time the results will be summarized and used in the development of the updated Master Plan.

The implementation status of the Francisco Road solar farm project was discussed.

#### **Next meeting date:**

August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 pm

#### **General Discussion**

None

**Adjournment:**

Brennan moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Hinkle. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Heather McDougall, Recording Secretary