



Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 15, 2020

1. Call to Order at 7:06 pm

Meeting was held using Zoom PC Video Conferencing Facilities

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call A Tom Brennan, P Jim Ducey, P Jere Hinkle, P Mark Jewell, P Dale Lucas, P Nancy Prindle, P Jim Warbritton. Also in attendance Doug Lammers -Township Zoning Administrator and several community members.

4. Approval of Agenda

A. motion was made by Jere Hinkle and 2nd by Dale Lucas to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Jere Hinkle and 2nd by Nancy Prindle to approve the September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Proposed Gravel Pit Mining Ordinance Status

The Jackson County Planning Commission (JCPC) forwarded comments on the proposed text amendment to the Mining ordinance to the Grass Lake Township Board. The JCPC unanimously recommended that the amendment be "approved with comments". The Township Board referred the JCPC comments to the Planning Commission for consideration and, if appropriate, make modifications to the draft ordinance text.

The Commission reviewed each JCPC comment and did one of three actions regarding them; acceptance, rejection, or deferral of action until further discussion with the Township Attorney. All of these actions will be forwarded to the Township Attorney for review and comment. The Attorney will also be requested to modify the ordinance text in light of the Commission's actions.

7. Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission

- a. A question was raised regarding whether the mining ordinance text under consideration is new or a revision of the existing ordinance. It was indicated this text, if adopted, would be a revision of the existing mining ordinance text.
- b. Comments were made that the planning commission is not listening to the community and ignoring their expressed Health, Safety, and Environmental concerns when making decisions.
- c. It was noted that the Commission has received many communications concerning the Bohne Road gravel pit operations and of the proposed zoning ordinance gravel mine text amendment. These communications are on file in the township office.

8. Township Board Report

Scott Bray presented a summary of the regulation issues regarding the marijuana industry in the Township and attendance at presentations of a proposed Township road tax millage.

9. Old Business

- a. Master Plan Update

No Report

10. Proposed Business for Next Regular Meeting -- November 19th.

- a. A. PUD for a mixed use development on Norvel Road between the Chevy dealership and Grass Lake Road.
- b. Review of the proposed Gravel Pit Mining Ordinance text.

11. General Discussion

A Commission member said that the Commission is not listening to the general community when they express their comments, concerns and opinions regarding issues under consideration by the Commission.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Hinkle and 2nd by Warbritton at 8:40 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Ducey, Secretary

Attachments: ?????