

Minutes - Planning Commission

Meeting - Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Meeting called by: Chairperson, Ellen Moore @ 7:33 PM

Members present: Babcock, Gunnell, Moore, Myers, Sevey, Sawade, Tilburt

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes as written by Sevey, Second by Myers. All Ayes – Carried.

Approval of Agenda: All agreed – stands as printed.

Agenda Item: Public Hearing – SLU Application – Roman Catholic Diocese of GR for St. John Paul Catholic Church *Moore*: Called public hearing open for comment with an explanation of proposal and following PC deliberation with possible recommendation to the Township Board.

*Representatives for St. John Paul included: Father Lam Le, Legal Counsel, Jim Rabaut, Zack Morris, Engineer, Peter Baldwin, Architect, Zach Voogt, Engineer.

- Seeking approval for Special Land Use at 3112 17 Mile.
- Referenced documentation presented previously, i.e., meeting minutes from a neighborhood meeting, engineer report, neighbor reference letter, and traffic study report.
- Traffic report indicated that Phase I was fine but modifications were made for Phase II.
- Asked that approval tonight be for both Phase I & Phase II but conditional to address traffic issues
- *Public Comment: Dan & Carroll Davies in favor, St. John Paul a real benefit to community; Joe Sagorski in favor, church is a service to the community; Stan Hall need to have consideration for something done about lighting and sound.

Moore: Closed public hearing and opened to PC.

Discussion: Traffic matters to be studied by MDOT – consideration of turn/acceleration/deceleration lanes, approval for Phase II subject to MDOT and KCRC; Landscaping – possible to include something to address lighting/sound for neighbors; Signage will comply with Township rules; Architecture – sketches available to demonstrate cohesiveness between building style/design; Completion of project – Plan to begin Phase I this coming Fall and complete approximately 2020, Phase II estimated completion 5 – 7 years after, i.e. 2026.

Conclusion: Mark will revise resolution to address mentioned issues.

Moore: Called for motion to move forward with approval of updated version. Motion by Gunnell, second by Babcock, All Ayes Carried

Agenda Item: Agritourism Event Business – Review Revised Ordinance

Discussion: Reviewed changes of requirements #6 & 7, system of inspections, fees, and escrow for monitoring in item #23, scheduling of events in item #24.

- Examined suggestion for an official document needing signature determined not necessary.
- Mark: Typically not required to sign resolution but they would receive a copy.
- *Mark*: Process would be: 1. Application, 2. Approval by Township, 3. Agreement to escrow, 4. Submission of event schedule.
- Considered escrow reimbursement policy and/or "stop work" order

Comment: *Steve Skelonc – suggested this be made more specific now to address problems that may arise i.e. escrow reimbursement, fines, inspections, etc.

Conclusion: Recommend amendment to the Township Board.

Moore: Called for motion to recommend. Motion by Tilburt, second by Sevey. Vote called was

6 - yes, 1 - no. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Election of Officers

Conclusion: Officers elected are: Chairperson – Ellen Moore

Vice-Chairperson – Rick Sevey Secretary – Keith Sawade Solon PC 02/28 minutes, cont. Page 2

Open Discussion for Issues not on the Agenda:

- 1. Correspondence received from Algoma Township re: new Master Plan:
 - Will work with them; are compatible now; Would like to address work on Edgerton.
- 2. Comment from Planning Commission members:
 - Storage Time looking better but still in discussion with Jerry Gross.

Report from Zoning Board of Appeals: Tilburt - N/A

Report of Township Board Representative: Gunnell – Supervisor is on vacation, meeting will continue.

Report of Zoning Administrator:

RE: Property split @ Corner of Trenton & 21 Mile did have moratorium but concluded acceptable

Discussion: Board will vote on large lot zoning now that final map has been approved, Mark will terminate moratorium, property is a land division split, not a development; in future, Tom needs to receive copy of PC Minutes to insure better communication. Mentioned another split @ 20 mile; has proper paperwork now - - pole barn taken out with Bldg. Permit

Comment: Steve Skelonc - ?? Gas line acreage on 21 Mile & Trenton

RE: Jackie Sopczynski - - has picked up necessary paperwork, isn't ready to move forward yet.

Report from Township Supervisor: N/A

Report from Attorney: N/A; Moore: FYI – (another township) Planning Commission passed unlimited Medical Marijuana licensing, has fully embraced issue.

Moore: Called for motion to adjourn. Motion by Sawade, second by Sevey.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 28th, 2018

*Audience Participants

Father Lam Le – 3110 17 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs, MI 49319 Jim Rabaut – 811 Lyon Street, Grand Rapids MI 49346 Zach Jaagt – 2020 Monroe Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 Peter Baldwin – 25 Commerce Ave., SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Dan & Carroll Davies – 16655 Simmons, Cedar Springs, MI 49319 Joe Sagorski – 3119 17 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs, MI 49319 Stan Hall – 3044 17 Mile Rd., Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Steve Skelonc – 16791 Trenton, Cedar Springs, MI 49319