

ISABELLA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION

June 9, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on June 9, 2016 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Strang

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Tim Nieporte, Director
Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bean at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bean requested that the agenda be approved as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Silker supported by Mr. Murphy to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the May 12, 2016 regular meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Gilchrist supported by Mr. O'Neil to approve the minutes as presented.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

LIAISON REPORTS

Zoning Board of Appeals - none

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Murphy reported that Parks and Rec continue to work on the Master Plan and the Ash tree removal.

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Horton reported on the request to rezone a parcel in Rolland Township had a 3 /3 vote and did not pass. Mr. Horton also reported that the County is in the process of a wage study / job classification update and a Building feasibility study. He further that the FY17 budget is being worked on. Mr. Horton also informed the Commission of the E.coli report that was presented at the last Board of Commission meeting. He believe this is a major concern and needs to be investigated more.

TOWNSHIP CONCERNS

Denver – Jackie Curtiss had nothing to report.

Gilmore – Tom Gibbs had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

Zoning Amendment #16-05:

Mr. Nieporte stated that the Planning Commission set a public hearing to take action on an amendment to modify the definition of a Specialty Farm. This change was initiated because of a change in the State law relating to specialty farms. This change would potentially eliminate future changes in our ordinance language and make the ordinance more consistent with the State law.

Mr. Horton discussed the definition of farm land per the farmland and open space preservation act. He recommended the adding of “Michigan” in front of “Department of Agriculture”.

Other discussion took place.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 pm

Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 pm

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy supported by Mr. O'Neil to recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners to modify the definition of a Farm (Specialty Farm) with the addition to add the word "Michigan" in front of "Department of Agriculture".

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

Zoning Amendment #16-06:

Mr. Nieporte stated that the Planning Commission set a public hearing to take action on an amendment to modify the requirements to Section 3.02 Accessory Buildings and Structures. This modification will provide for design standards of accessory **buildings** in the **rear yard** and **structures** in the **required rear yard** on waterfront lots in the Lakes Area Residential (L/R) District.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:23 pm

Mr. Ed Becker, 4832 Ridge Rd, Lake MI. stated that he has a shed he would like to move to the rear yard and inquired the length to modify the ordinance. He further stated under the new ordinance he would be permitted to do so and is in favor of the change.

Mr. Nieporte stated that this is a process and can take up to another month to be adopted. He also told Mr. Becker to contact our office in the morning to further discuss his project.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 pm

A motion was made by Mrs. White supported by Mr. Murphy to recommended approval t to the Board of Commissioners to amendment to modify Section 3.02 *Accessory Buildings and Structure*.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, , Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Nieporte informed the board that at this time there is one agenda item for next month.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - Mr. Bean asked how often actions or recommendations by the Planning Commission are over turned by the County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Nieporte state not that often. But that it is the duty of legislative body to make a decision and establish ordinance language.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Vogel at 7:36 p.m.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Phillip Vogel, Nancy White, Tim O'Neil , Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried



Nancy White, Secretary

Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary