

ISABELLA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION

July 14, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Planning Commission was held on July 14, 2016 in Room 225 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim O'Neil, Phillip Vogel, Erin Strang

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Tim Nieporte, Director
Ray Johnson, Zoning Administrator
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. White supported by Mr. Gilchrist to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the June 9, 2016 regular meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

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

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

LIAISON REPORTS

Zoning Board of Appeals – ZBA meeting was cancelled for June.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Murphy reported that Parks and Rec meeting was cancelled.

Board of Commissioners – Mr. Horton reported that the Board of Commissioners continue to work on the building and wage studies. Mr. Horton spoke briefly on an upcoming discussion about a 911 surcharge proposal.

TOWNSHIP CONCERNS

Denver – Jackie Curtiss had nothing to report.

Gilmore – Tom Gibbs had nothing to report.

Sherman – Richard Schmidt had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

Special Use Permit #16-03:

Mr. Johnson explained that an application was filed on June 13, 2016 by Kathy Hayes on behalf of Verizon Wireless which included a site plan, a letter from Robert E. Beacom (design engineer), and comments on review criteria and specific design standards. This was just a renewal of Special Use Permit #15-02 which expired before construction could start and that the conditions of the original application in 2015 had not changed.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 pm

Mrs. Kathie Hayes of Jacobs explained that as Mr. Johnson stated this is a re-application because of the expiration of the permit granted last year. Verizon delayed the construction timeline and the application before the board is exactly the same as the one approved last year.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 pm

A motion was made by Mrs. White supported by Mr. Murphy to approve Special Use Permit Number 16-03 (SUP#16-03) which was submitted by Kathie Hayes on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to allow for a new wireless communications tower in the General Agricultural (AG-2) district with the stipulation that the applicant be approved for a variance to reduce the required 3 mile distance from the proposed

to another wireless communication tower and to make an approval for the reduction of the fall from the required 292.5 ft to 250 ft.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

STAFF COMMENTS – Mr. Nieporte informed the board that as of July 8, 2016 Sherman Township has repealed their zoning ordinance therefore zoning jurisdiction is now with the County.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Horton to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Murphy at 7:15 p.m.

Yes: Kelly Bean, Gordon Gilchrist, Ann Silker, Nancy White, Jeremy Murphy, Jim Horton

No: None

Motion carried



Nancy White, Secretary

Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary