

Hayes Township Planning Commission
October 19, 2021
Regular Meeting
At Hayes Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Roy Griffiths called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present Roy Griffiths (Chair), Ed Bajos, Matt Cunningham (Board of Trustee Representative), Rex Greenslade (ZOOM), Omar Feliciano (Vice-Chair), and Marilyn Morehead.

Excused: Steve Bulman

Also, present: Ron VanZee (Zoning Administrator), and April Hilton (Recording Secretary/Deputy Clerk).

Audience members signed in: Debbie Narten, Danelle Hutcheson, Janet Kohler (Dueweke), Ellis Boal, Luanne Kozma, Mike Hutcheson, Ernest Boris, M. Whitehead, Dan Thorell, Michael Jones

Zoom Audience signed in: Kacey Cook, Nicki Faller, Betty Henne, Jennifer McKay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AGENDA: Mr. Bajos made a motion, supported by Ms. Morehead to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Roy Griffiths, Ed Bajos, Matt Cunningham, Omar Feliciano, Marilyn Morehead

Nays: None

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21st, 2021 REGULAR MEETING:

Mr. Bajos made a motion, supported by Ms. Morehead, to approve the September 21st, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Yeas: Roy Griffiths, Ed Bajos, Matt Cunningham, Omar Feliciano, Marilyn Morehead

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Public comments open at 7:02

Comments included:

- A question to the Planning Commission of what they see for the future of the shoreline development and for shoreline protection while renewing the Zoning Ordinance.
- A concern for the for the Planning Commission being professional at the meetings was made regarding the public comments per person only being three minutes per person and their dislike of the planning commission following this guideline so strictly.
- Comment was made requesting the Planning Commission members and residents of Hayes Township need to remember to be civil with one another. As well as concern of the police presence at the last Planning Commission meeting, which they felt was

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unnecessary. Last request was for the Planning Commission to think of the residents and property owners best interest going forward with the Zoning Ordinance.

- Informed the Planning Commission of an appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals that had been submitted, and they were concerned the appeal did not reach the Zoning Board in time. Therefore, a lawsuit followed the appeal to ensure it reach of Zoning Board of Appeals. They have received confirmation the Zoning Board has received the Appeal and the Lawsuit has been dropped.

Public comments closed at 7:09 pm

REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Matt Cunningham gave an oral report of the October 11, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. The next Board meeting will be November 8th, 2021.

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE: N/A

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT (STATUS REPORT ON LAW BOATHOUSE APPLICATION):

Ron VanZee presented an oral Zoning Administrator report. Ron VanZee informed the Planning Commission of the notice he received from the project manager for the Law Property stating they have examined the site and will be creating a plan to submit to the Army Corp of Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION WITH DAN THORELL, HEALTH DEPT. NW MICHIGAN:

Dan Thorell and Michael Jones; from the North West Michigan Health Department, provided the Planning Commission with advisement and knowledge that will guide them when constructing the Zoning Ordinance for Hayes Township.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE DRAFT, ARTICLES 3 DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE 5:

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the current Zoning Ordinance draft definitions and the Article concerning Zoning Districts. The Planning Commission will continue to more articles at the next meeting.

SET/CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING:

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A Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Hayes Township Hall to hear the following:

- Tax ID 15-007-119-007-15 to rezone from Agricultural to Neighborhood Commercial
- Tax ID 15-007-118-003-10 to amend existing PUD

SET/CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Next regular Planning Commission meeting will take place on November 21st, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments open at 8:40pm
Comments included:

- Question of when the Planning Commission will be addressing the Shoreline Protection Section of the Ordinance.
- Ellis Boal presented a document to the Planning Commission; see attachment to minutes, he also stated there should be no hard feelings regarding the Law Property Appeal case, however, is concerned the Appeal did not reach the Zoning Board of Appeals in a timely matter. Also showed concerned for the Townships expense for Todd Millar during the case.
- Concerns of the process the Planning Commission is taking to Renew the Zoning Ordinance.
- Acknowledged the Planning commission for the hard work and difficult task of rewriting the Zoning Ordinance. Requested the Planning Commission take the time the discuss and make strict discissions with in the ordinance for them to follow regarding shoreline protection.
- Conesus was voiced from the audience of protection for the shoreline.

Public comments closed at 8:58 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Bajos made a motion, supported by Ms. Morehead, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

April Hilton
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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