

Lodi Township Planning Commission

Lodi Township Hall

375858 Pleasant Lake Road

Ann Arbor MI 48103

2020 Annual Report

January 28, 2020 – Held at township hall, 2020 Meeting Dates were set, set 2020 Work Plan and Reviewed 2019 Annual Report, Recommended Approval of Application 2019-022 for Group Child Care Home to the Township Board, Set Public Hearing for Master Plan Future Land Use, Review Application 2016-007 for Private Road.

February 25, 2020 – Held at township hall, Updated Master Plan Future Land Use Map Correction passed, Tabled Application 2016-007 Private Road until April 28, 2020.

March 24, 2020 – Cancelled by Chairperson Veenstra

April 28, 2020 – Cancelled by Chairperson Veenstra

May 26, 2020 – (held electronically) Welcomed new Commissioner Carsten Vestergaard replacing Gordon Taylor, Application 2019-020 Keystone Church Site Plan Amendment postponed until September 22, 2020 meeting, Application 2016-007 Elodea Lane Private Road postponed to June 6-23-2020 meeting, Approved removal for consideration of Application 2017-004 Rezoning of Higgins property, postponed Master Plan and/or Zoning Ordinance potential amendments to 6-23-2020, Approved Application 2020-006 for Verizon Wireless Tower at Pleasant Lake Road and Parker Road site, Election of Officers resulted in Doug Veenstra as Vice Chair and Craig Swenson as Secretary.

June 2, 2020 – Doug Veenstra submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission effective 6-2-2020.

June 23, 2020 - Cancelled by Township Supervisor Godek

July 28, 2020 – Held at township hall, Meeting was called to order by Secretary Swenson and Election of Officers resulted in Steve Thelen as Chairperson and Carsten Vestergaard as Vice Chair, New Commissioner Cindy Strader was welcomed filling the vacancy created by Doug Veenstra resignation, Application 2016-007 Elodea Lane was reviewed and postponed until October 27, 2020 to allow for gathering further information, Master Plan and/or Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments Residential Office were reviewed and forwarded to the Township board for their consideration.

August 25, 2020 – Held at township hall, welcomed new Commissioner David Stevenson filling vacancy created by the passing away of long time member Jack Steeb, held a public hearing on the proposed Residential-Office District, Recommended the adoption of the Office-Residential District Zoning amendment, per Township Board request the township planner was requested to draft recommendations for a Zoning Ordinance Change for Medical Marijuana Caregiver Cultivation, it was shared that the township will be purchasing laptop computers for all planning commissioners, once in place packets will be sent electronically,

September 22, 2020 – Held at township hall, Application 2019-020 Keystone church was removed from the table and postponed until the October 27, 2020 meeting at the request of the applicant, Master Plan review process was approved by the township board and has been distributed to adjoining municipalities.

October 27, 2020 – Held at township hall, reviewed Application 2019-020 Keystone Site Plan and allowed the applicant to withdraw the Application, Reviewed Application 2016-007 Elodea Private Road and found it to be lacking the required approvals from multiple agencies at the request of the applicant final determination of the applicant was postponed to December 15, 2020 meeting, Application 2020-003 Keystone Church Site Plan was recommended for approval to the township board,

November 24, 2020 – Cancelled by Chairperson Thelen due to lack of actionable items

December 15, 2020 – Held via Zoom, Final review of Application 2016-007 Elodea Private Road was held and was recommended for approval to the township board, Application 2020-013 (North) & Application 2020-014 (South) Preliminary Site Plan Arbor Preserve North & South had been received but were moved from the agenda at the request of the Attorney for the Applicant and no further action will be taken until formally requested.

Summary – 2020 has been a year of transition for the commission. We have had two long time members leave the commission 1 via resignation Doug Veenstra due to moving out of the township, and the unfortunate passing away of Jack Steeb. We have seated and welcome the involvement of 3 new members of the commission Carsten Vestergaard, Cindy Strader and David Stevenson. We have a new Chairperson and Vice Chair in mid-year. We have the stability of our planning consultant and engineering consultants and appreciate their solid ongoing support. The health crisis has caused us to try and continue our business and deliberation via electronic means and we are making progress in getting some older items caught up. The support of the Township Board is appreciated and the laptops will be a key to our actions in the future. The lack of stable coverage of Wi-Fi in the township does make this process a little more challenging. We look forward to serving the needs of the township.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Thelen, Chairperson

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