



**Virtual Meeting Minutes
Lodi Township Planning Commission**

February 23, 2021

**Lodi Township Hall
3755 Pleasant Lake Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thelen, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held virtually in accordance with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Coronavirus directives. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

2) Roll Call of the Commission

Present: Bunton, Rogers, Stevenson, Strader, Swenson, Thelen, and Vestergaard.

Absent: None

Others Present: Township Planner Don Pennington, Jeff Feldkamp,

3) Announcements

Thelen announced that he is being identified on the virtual screen as Clerk Chris Smith. This is because he is using her computer to try to avoid the meeting from timing out before it is adjourned, as happened last month.

4) Public Hearing

- a) **Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Master Plan Amendment regarding Mixed Use Residential-Office District designation.**

Moved by Bunton, seconded by Rogers, to open the public hearing.

Roll call vote: Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes
Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

No comments were received.

Moved by Bunton, seconded by Rogers, to close the public hearing.

Roll call vote: Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes
Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

5) **Public Comment**

None.

6) **Approve Minutes**

a) **Regular meeting minutes of January 25, 2021.**

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Stevenson, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021.

Roll call vote: Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes
Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

7) **Approve Agenda**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Moved by Bunton, seconded by Strader, to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll call vote: Strader - yes
Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

8) **Old Business**

None

9) **New Business**

- a) **Review comments received at the Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Master Plan Amendment regarding Mixed Use Residential-Office District designation.**

Thelen asked Planner Pennington to comment on the letter received from the City of Saline. Pennington believes that the amendment would actually address some of the concerns set forth in the letter, and advised that this is a policy statement, not an actual rezoning. Any resident that wanted their property to be rezoned would have to come to the Planning Commission for review of the request. Strader asked if anyone has responded to the letter. Pennington indicated that to his knowledge that had not been done, and that receiving the comment does not require a response.

Moved by Strader, seconded by Bunton, to approve the following motion:

Whereas, the Township Board of Trustees was asked, at their August 6, 2020 meeting, to distribute the proposed Master Plan Amendment to surrounding townships and municipalities, and the Board of Trustees approved that request.

That after the 63-day comment period there was one comment received.

On February 23, 2020, at the regular meeting of the Lodi Township Planning Commission, a public hearing was held to receive comments from the public on the proposed Master Plan amendment regarding the Mixed Use Residential-Office District designation.

The Planning Commission has followed the process and procedures layed out in Public Act 33 of 2008, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that the Township Board of Trustees the adoption of the proposed Master Plan amendment

Roll call vote: Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

- b) **Review and Approve 2020 Lodi Township Planning Commission Annual Report**

Commissioner Bunton noted 2 typographical mistakes.

Moved by Bunton, seconded by Strader, to approve the 2020 Lodi Township Planning Commission Annual Report, as amended.

Roll call vote: Thelen – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes
Swenson – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

c) Review and Approve 2021 Plan of Work for Lodi Township Planning Commission

The Commission discussed items for the Plan of Work for 2021. Pennington recommended that each year the Planning Commission review and assess the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance to be certain that they continue to complement each other.

Moved by Bunton, seconded by Rogers, to approve the 2021 Lodi Township Planning Commission Annual Report, as amended.

Roll call vote: Vestergaard – yes
Bunton – yes
Rogers – yes
Stevenson – yes
Strader - yes
Swenson – yes
Thelen – yes

The motion passed unanimously.

10) **Reports**

a) **Board of Trustees**

Nothing.

b) **Commissioners**

Nothing.

c) **Planning Consultant**

Nothing.

d) **Engineering Consultant**

Chair Thelen spoke with Marcus McNamara earlier in the day and he had nothing for the meeting.

11) **Public Comment**

None.

12) **Adjournment**

Motion by Strader, seconded by Rogers, to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Roll call vote: Bunton – yes
Vestergaard – yes
Rogers – yes
Thelen – yes
Stevenson – yes
Swenson – yes
Strader - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Craig Swenson, Planning Commission Secretary