

Lodi Township Planning Commission

3755 Pleasant Lake Road

Ann Arbor MI 48103

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January 26, 2021 – Held via Zoom, Approved Resolution 2021-001 setting upcoming dates, set a public hearing for to receive comments on the proposed Master Plan amendment for Mixed Use Residential Office District.

February 26, 2021 – Held via Zoom, held public hearing on proposed Master Plan amendment and recommended its approval by the Township Board, Reviewed and accepted the 2020 LTPC Annual Report and Plan of Work.

March 23, 2021 – Accepted with regret the retirement of Don Pennington our Planning Consultant since 1988 for the township. Welcomed Julie Connochie of McKenna Associates as our new planner. Election of Commission Officers resulted in Steve Thelen as Chairperson, Carsten Vestergaard as Vice Chair, and Craig Swenson as Secretary

April 15, 2021 Special Meeting – held at the township to review and formulated the position of the Planning Commission on the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant. Our resolution # 2021-002 was forwarded to the Township and the State of Michigan.

April 27, 2021 – Held at the Township Hall, reviewed the application for Special Use by Omega Construction and recommended it for approval by the Township Board.

May 25, 2021 – was cancelled.

June 22, 2021 – Commission was notified that Julie Connochie was no longer with McKenna and was being replaced by Paul Lippens.

July 1, 2021 – A virtual public information session was held by EGLE that was virtually attended by a few members of the commission and township officials regarding the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant for Arbor Preserve Proposal.

July 27, 2021 – Held at township hall, reviewed the Scio Township proposed Master Plan update and asked the planner to review for conflicting border concerns and report back by the end of the week. The resignation of Planning Commissioner Mike Bunton was announced effective August 1, 2021. A public hearing was set for the August 24, 2021 meeting regarding text amendments on Road Access as proposed by the planner.

August 24, 2021 – Held at township hall, Public hearing was held with additional question referred back to the planner by the commission for additional clarification.

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September 22, 2021 – Held at township hall, Planning Contract with McKenna was terminated by Twp. Board, the proposed text for Road Access amendments as reviewed by the Township Attorney was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Board.

October 26, 2021 – Held at township hall, New Planner Hannah Smith & Kelly McIntyre of Community Image Builders were introduced. Set Public Hearings November 23, 2021 for proposed amendment on Marijuana Caregiver Home Occupation Permits and Article 43.0 Special Uses. Our planners will begin to work on proposed language for Solar & Wind Energy Locations for consideration by the commission.

November 23, 2021 – Held at Township Hall, Public Hearings were held for proposed amendment on Marijuana Caregiver Home Occupation Permits and Article 43.0 Special Uses. Commission reviewed and recommended approval by the Township Board.

December 21, 2021 – was cancelled.

Overall Summary – 2021 has been a year of transition for the commission.

We have had three different planning consultants to work with and are currently receiving great support from Hannah Smith and Kelly McIntyre and we do appreciate their efforts.

The team at OHM continue to provide great support on issues that come before the commission. They have provided us with current & up to date analysis in a timely fashion.

Mike Bunton a long time commission member left the commission effective August 1, 2021 after years of valuable service to the Planning Commission as well as the ZBA over the years.

The health crisis has caused us to try and continue our business and deliberation via electronic means and in person as allowed and we are making progress in getting some older items caught up and closed out.

The support of the Township Clerk, Supervisor and entire Board is appreciated and the laptops provided are a key component to completing our actions in the future.

The lack of stable coverage of Wi-Fi throughout the township does make this process a little more challenging. The ability to have Interactive Wi-Fi for our meetings would a great benefit to our citizens, Planning and Engineering Consultants and as well as our Attorney.

We look forward to serving the needs of the township.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Thelen, Chairperson

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