



Lodi Township Planning Commission
3775 Pleasant Lake Road Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
7:00 P.M. November 22, 2022
Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Strader at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Present: Rodgers, Stevenson, Strader, Thelen, Vestergaard, Warner.

Absent: Swenson

Others Present: Supervisor Jan Godek, Planner Hanna Smith, Leslie Blackburn, and Ann Damen

3. Public Hearing:

Postponed Child Care public hearing until January

4. Announcements:

None

5. Public Comment:

Ann Damen discussed concerns regarding lights from the Lake Forest Golf Facility Silo. Light Pollution has become an issue in the neighborhood. Also trash debris from their grilling station and orange construction cones have become unsightly.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Regular meeting minutes of October 25, 2022, Planning Commission meeting.

Moved by Rogers, seconded by Stevenson, to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022, meeting. Passed by unanimous vote, with no opposition.

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Stevenson, seconded by Rogers, to approve the agenda. Passed by unanimous vote, with no opposition.

8. Old Business

- a. Zoning Ordinance 40.07 Day Care and Group Home Facilities amendment – updating Child Care Standards

Planner Smith reviewed the suggestions for cleaning up language and definitions for the ordinance, as well as how to bring it in line with the state standards. Specifically,

Chair Strader questioned the accuracy of the definition and he table view in the ordinance documents. Planned Smith agreed to proof and correct any errors.

Moved by Thelen, seconded by Vestergaard, to set a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment for Family Child Daycare Homes and Group Child Daycare Homes, per Public Act 106 of 2022, for January 24, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Lodi Township Hall. Roll Call vote carried unanimously with no opposition.

b. Solar/Wind Ordinance update on-going discussion

Planner Smith suggests we consider setbacks, screening, and district designations. Thelen brought up height of bases of panels and dual use ideas to keep land in agricultural production if Solar considered. Planner Smith acknowledged there are conservation covers, pollinator habitat, and Agri-voltaic uses we could consider. Planner Smith will research PA116 and PDR conservation impacts on zoning.

9. New Business

a. Short Term Rentals – preliminary discussion

Supervisor Godek reported that we are getting inquiries regarding short term rentals. The board agreed to look at suggestions made by Planner Smith and respond back to her before the February meeting.

10. Reports

a. Board of Trustees

Supervisor Godek stated the board is in discussions about the budget for Fire Department Services. The fire department has concerns about the funding for that may impact us. Supervisor Godek will keep us updated.

Supervisor Godek informed us the State of Michigan has changed how gravel pits are regulated. The township has lost much of the control.

b. Commissioners

Steve Thelen has shared of his possible resignation from the commission in December 2022.

c. Planning Consultant

Planner Smith updated that MDARD right to farm act review came in for the Renaissance Farm special use application and will be available for the January Planning Commission meeting.

d. Engineering Consultant

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn, seconded by Rogers to adjourn. Unanimously approved, with no opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is January 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Ann Warner acting secretary 