

Lodi Township Planning Commission

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2024 at 7 pm

3775 Pleasant Lake Road Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Strader at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

2. Roll Call

Present: Strader, Sweetland, Swenson, Stevenson, Vestergaard, Warner

Absent: None

Others Present: Recording Secretary Michelle Joppeck

3. Approval of Agenda

Swenson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Sweetland. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Public comment began at 7:08 pm. No members of the public were present, but one person did submit a comment via email. Public comment ended at 7:09 pm.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

A. Discussion regarding updating 41.14 Institutional Uses and Section 20.04 per Board of Trustee direction.

Strader discussed this with Township Planner Hannah Smith and Hannah thinks that setting a public hearing for updating 41.14 Institutional Uses and Section 20.04 is premature because there is no draft language prepared to review at the public hearing. Strader is in agreement with Hannah.

A discussion occurred about potential ideas for how to address this issue including adding noise and light ordinances, removing the 500 person seating capacity limit for requiring a traffic study under institutional use requirements, potentially adding institutional uses in AG as a special use, and/or adding requiring an impact statement for institutional uses.

Strader is interested in asking Hannah to investigate the institutional ordinances in surrounding communities to see what they are doing and if they have any ordinances that could be used as a starting place for creating the requirements.

Strader feels that from the discussion that occurred, that the Planning Commission is considering adding institutional uses as a special use instead of permitted use in AG because of the nature of what could go in as an institutional use and the definition of special use, but will also consult the Township Attorney and Planner regarding this.

B. Set Public Hearing for 41.14 Institutional Uses and Section 20.04 modification

The Planning Commission members wanted more information and draft language from the Township Planner before setting a public hearing.

Warner moved to postpone setting a public hearing until we have more information from the Township Planner. Second by Stevenson. Voice vote. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

C. Appoint 2 members of the Planning Commission members to Farm Council Grounds Committee

Warner, Swenson, and Vestergaard expressed interest in participating in the advisory subcommittee for reviewing future activities at the Farm Council Grounds. After a discussion, it was decided to appoint Vestergaard and Swenson with Warner as an alternate if needed.

D. Change April meeting date from April 23 to April 30, 2024.

With the motion to not set a public hearing, there is no need to change the April meeting date so the next meeting will stay at April 23, 2024 at 7 pm.

7. Public Comment

No members of the public were present so there was no public comment.

8. Other Business - None

9. Adjournment

Sweetland moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Second by Vestergaard. A voice vote was taken. Aye=all, Nay=none. Motion carried.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting is April 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Warner,

Planning Commission Secretary

Michelle Joppeck, Recording Secretary