

PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes for Regular Meeting of
October 10 8, 2020

AMENDED

PRESENT Commissioners Dave Roesler, John Gloster, Mike Holman, Maribeth Picard and William Josephson.

ALSO PRESENT Recording Secretary Sally Dion and 2 interested parties.

NOT PRESENT John Warner, Ina Ray and Zoning Administrator Jensen (excused).

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Roesler called the October 8, 2020 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA Motion by Commissioner Holman, second from Commissioner Josephson, **ADOPTED**, to accept the agenda as written.

6 5 AYES
2 ABSENT

MINUTES Motion by Commissioner Josephson, second from Commissioner Holman, **ADOPTED**, to accept the minutes as written.

6 5 AYES
2 ABSENT

PUBLIC COMMENT None

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1. Carrie Crummett, 2699 Scenic Drive, stated they have applied for Zoning Compliance approval on a set of steps to Lake Michigan and per Zoning Administrator Jensen he can not approve because the proposed platform exceeds the maximum. She states our Ordinance is not clear, it does not say anything about landings being included in the maximum 150 sq. ft.

Chairperson Roesler explained this is not something they can discuss, things stated under Public Comment are taken under advisement, however, if she wants, she can request this be put on a future Agenda for this specific topic, then they will have the opportunity to look into it more and then discussion can be held among the Commissioners. It may be decided that the Zoning Administrators interpretation is correct, however, one of the Planning Commissions tasks are to review Ordinances and decide if an amendment should be proposed.

2. Jeff Marcinkowski, 3767 Jay Road, knows the Master Plan is on the agenda, so he won't specifically speak on that topic. He said in speaking with people while campaigning, because they have been home for the past several months, they are thinking about doing more with Livestock and Agriculture for means to supplement food, etc. He asks if pesticides, fertilizers, trees being removed, waste issues have been kept in mind while working on the plan.

Chairperson Roesler thanks Jeff for his statement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Master Plan Review/Update, Survey Results

Chairperson Roesler stated Attorney Even said the Master Plan review can be put on hold until the new census data is available. The current plan expires February 2021 and the revision can wait for adoption until the end of that year. We are not rewriting; we are only reviewing and you meet the requirement if you are in the process, with no penalty. He will write the State a letter telling them we will be reviewing and adopting when new census data is available. This will also put us on track for the cycle in ten years.

2. Barn Weddings/Special Events

Chairperson Roesler stated the concern are when these are being used as a Business, you need to monitor parking, occupants, etc. He believes this should be a Special Land Use Permit process.

Commissioner Holman stated you also need licensed bartenders, liability insurance for patrons also.

Attorney Even feels we need something in place. Chairperson Roesler will get ahold of Attorney Even and possibly try and get in touch with Planner Tim Johnson.

PLANNING/ZONING UPDATES

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Holman, second from Commissioner Josephson, **ADOPTED**, to **ADJOURN**, the October 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**5 AYES
2 ABSENT**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Dion, Recording Secretary
Township of Fruitland