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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**June 19, 2019**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:33 pm

Members Present: V. Beckwith, J. Spencer, J. Southworth & B. Lester

Members absent: K. Cole, L Maurer & D. Helmlinger

Persons in attendance: 13

Purpose of Planning Commission read by J. Spencer

*Motion by J. Southworth supported by J. Spencer to approve the June 5th meeting minutes with the corrections. Site plan has already been done. J. Spencer also said 8975 Page has been done. B. Lester was not present on cell tower vote on 6/5/2019.*

*Roll call Vote                      4 Yays                      V. Beckwith, J. Spencer, J. Southworth & B. Lester*  
*0 Nays*

**Public Comment:    Open at            6:37 pm.**  
**Closed at        6:44 pm.**

**Discussion:** S. Kingsler talked about gun range and ordinances and wanted to know what can be done to stop the shooting. Advised to be careful on land ordinance laws.

J. Kane, Ben Carroll's attorney proposed alternative on Grass Lake amendments. Sent it to attorney.

M. Milard expressed concern about trucks and traffic used in mining operations.

**Old Business:            1) Discussion of Opting in/out of Recreational Marihuana Businesses.**  
                                      No further discussion.

**2) Discussion on Blight Ordinance**

J. Southworth clarified that G. Conti the township attorney is working on it. J. Southworth gave board members a packet with the current blight ordinance that was written and stated it just needs to be passed.

**3) Discussion on Grass Lake Zoning for Agricultural Tourism**

J. Spencer stated that he would like to have all members present for further discussion.

J. Spencer wants to add rural setting to description.

Tabled for next meeting.

**New Business:**

**1) Master Plan**

Grant Bowman has done as much as he can do until survey consensus comes back.

**2) Summer 2019 Survey**

Grant proposes to send it out July 1 and put an end date of August 4, 2019.

Grant will put it on-line and send a link.

Grant checked that K. Pickett did send out planning and enabling act for approval.

Grant has been working with Jackson Master Plan.

August 4, 2019 survey will conclude. \

Grant will take information in August and collate it.

Grant will come to meeting in September with revisions.

**Public Comment:**

**Open at 7:17 pm.**

**Closed at 7:18 pm.**

**Discussion:** J. Southworth brought up spending money to get outside engineer to help with site plan. J. Spencer said we need check list on site plan. It should start at the front office before we take \$350 from people.

J. Southworth doesn't think the person opening up a business should have to pay for an engineer.

J. Spencer said we should look at other municipalities and see how they do it.

J. Southworth took on the task to look into how other townships handle site plan process.

*Motion by J. Southworth, supported by V. Beckwith to adjourn meeting.*

**Motion adopted by voice vote.**

**Adjourn 7:33 pm.**

**Next meeting: July 3rd, 2019**