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## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

September 20, 2017

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2017,  
@ 6:30 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan

Members Present: J. Spencer, L. Maurer, V. Beckwith, J. Southworth, K. Cole & B. Lester

Members absent: J. Kruse

Persons in attendance: 3

Purpose of Planning Commission read by Spencer.

Motion by Beckwith, supported by Southworth, to approve of the agenda as presented.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Motion by Beckwith, supported by Maurer, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public Comment: Open at 6:43 pm.**

Spencer: We need to look at a motto for the township, I suggest "Leoni Township; A Grand Place to Start".

Discussion:

**Spencer:** Leoni Township needs to take hold of our own image and using the Grand River as a focal point would be that way. It is something that was given to us by God and no one can take it away from us. We are lucky in that the South Branch comes into Leoni and the North Branch is formed by the chain of lakes. They join in Leoni Township on the east side of US127 across from the ALRO Headquarters, never again being called a "branch of the Grand River".

**Cole:** Where are we on the development of the canoe/kayak launch? Would be good for the area/Grand River development.

**Spencer:** The Planning Commission has sent the recommendation to the Board of Trustees to purchase the cabins next to the party store on Fifth Street. This would be the quickest/least expensive option.

**Cole:** Will check status.

**Spencer:** We need to look at future zoning of I-94 and US127 frontage parcels for Commercial and/or Industrial.

**Cole:** Interested in promoting/supporting/expanding Industrial areas in Leoni. Need to look at water and sewer extensions (Linnabary added comment as well).

Spencer: Input from the public will be welcomed in this process, no decisions or changes will be made until after several meetings. There will be time for the public to weigh in.

**Public Comment: Closed at 7:58 pm.**

**Discussion:**

Adjournment: 8:08 pm.

Dorothy Dickinson, secretary

**Next meeting: October 4, 2017**