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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 1, 2017

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017,
@ 6 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan

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

Members absent: 0

Persons in attendance: 9

Public Comment: Open at 6:32pm. Closed at 6:32 pm. (None)

Purpose of Planning Commission read by Spencer.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Southworth, supported by Cole, to approve the minutes of February 15, 2017.

Motion by Southworth, supported by Cole, to reverse old and new business to allow Grant Bauman to speak first.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion: New Business

- 1) Grant Bauman, from the Region 2 Planning Commission, spoke about the Canoe/Kayak Launch Project
 - A) Three proposed water trails
 1. Upper Grand River – Northern Hillsdale to Eaton Rapids
 2. Portage – Waterloo, east to Upper Grand River
 3. Chain of Lakes – Little Wolf Lake County Park, east to Leoni Township Park
 - B) Twenty-four (24) sites along the Grand River
 - C) Parks & Rec 5-year Plan Amendment to include East & West launches
 1. Need a Master Site Plan for the Park, to include two (2) launch sites
 2. Formal crosswalk on Fifth Street, possible at Orchard Street
 3. Small piece in center of triangle in the Park owned by someone other than the township
 4. Locks & store added to the Park
 - D) Hire a landscape architect
 - E) Fund raisers

- F) Available grant funds
 - 1) DNR Trust Fund – Maximum \$300,000 for development and maximum \$300,000 in acquisition funds, each to be matched by 25% (\$75,000) by the township
- G) Kiosks – signage – porta pottys along the river.

Discussion: Old Business

- 1) Blight
 - a. Appoint a Public Action Committee
 - b. Appoint a Hearing Officer (appointment by Supervisor, approved by Board of Trustees)
 - c. Ride-along with Jackson City Inspectors
 - d. Mr. Linnabary to ride with Officer Jacobson 1-2 days a week
 - e. Blight ordinance encompasses 8 others

Public Comment: Open at 7:50 pm.

Keith VanPoperin – website for boat launch. 26x16 to be ADA compliant

Neeta Delaney – Pure Michigan campaign promo. Fund raising – the more grant-seekers work together, the more likely to happen. Blight – likes the idea of a Public Action Committee. When we have a speaker, we should be set up for Powerpoint, so that the audience has a reference point, rather than the Board only receiving maps, information.

Public Comment: Closed at 7:55 pm.

Discussion: 1) Garage Sale Ordinance – voted on 11/2/2016 to clean up, go back to later
2) Chicken Ordinance – Have Michele format or assign someone to format

Adjournment: 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: March 15, 2017