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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**July 19, 2017**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2017,  
@ 6:30 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan

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

Members absent: J. Spencer

Persons in attendance: 9

**Public Comment: Open at 6:32pm. NONE.**

**Public Comment: Closed at 6:32pm.**

Purpose of Planning Commission read by acting Chairperson, Mr. Beckwith

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

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Motion by Cole, supported by Lester, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2017.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public Hearing: NONE**

**Discussion: New Business: NONE**

**Discussion: Old Business:**

Blight

Cole – need to get back to addressing the blight issue

Beckwith – site plans for existing buildings changing uses (ie. Bowling Alley, Beer  
Barrell) to include buffer zones, lights.

Kruse – electric up to code

Beckwith – 4 apartments & 4 businesses – sanitary facilities, Jackson County Road  
Commission re: Sager Rd.

An ordinance for Site Plan Review?

Kruse – Surety Bonds to ensure completion

**Public Comment: Open 7:35**

Cole – I94/127 Corridor

Zoning – Master Plan - Target some areas to bring in businesses closer to I94

Maybe some ag (land bank) would change to B-4 or B-5

Need more exits

Could look into changing part of Ann Arbor Road to attract businesses

**Public Comment: Closed at 7:54pm.**

**Board Discussion:**

Chicken Ordinance: Cole would like copies of Planning Commission minutes, plus Region 2 planning Commission recommendations, plus notes of public comments for submission to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

Beckwith reminded the Board that the Planning Commission and Region 2 Planning Commission are recommending boards.

Kruse – Surety Bonds for proposed Condo projects?

Permit – after one (1) year, extension to require a surety bond? Look into other Community's procedures.

Hand-in-hand with blight reduction

Sewer tap – permit required? Anyone can do? Follows with property, even if capped off and re-opened? Requires plumbing inspection?

**Adjourn: 7:40 pm.**

Dorothy Dickinson, secretary

**Next meeting: August 2, 2017**