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**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2022**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, January 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:03 pm

Members Present: Connie Gibson, W. Miles, R. Kinch, D. Perrine, V. Beckwith, & Judy Southworth

Members absent:

Persons in attendance: 9

Pledge of Allegiance

*Motion by J. Southworth, supported by D. Perrine to approve the January 5 Agenda as written.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

*Motion by W. Miles, supported by D. Perrine to approve the December 15 minutes as written*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**Public Comment:**                   **Open at       7:03 pm.**  
   **No Comments**  
   **Closed at     7:05 pm.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 000-09-15-101-002-01**  
**6119 Smith Rd.**  
**Daniel Hammond Conditional Use**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Hammond addressed the Planning Commission and explained why his conditional use had lapsed for 2 years.

Mr. Hammond stated that the original company that he used bailed on him after 8 months and that he went to Lester Brothers and they took over in January of 2020. Decided they wanted to extend on the existing pond and they went to DEQ/EGLE and make a 9 1/2 acre lake, which will be an additional 350 ft at 20 ft deep.

Mr. Beckwith: At this point you are just moving dirt to get to grade. When do you propose to hit water and did you ever pull a bond.

Mr. Hammond: When this was all put together is when the issues with clerk office started and it was never put in. He will have the bond tomorrow January 6, 2022. We are going to do a \$5,000 bond per acre for 20 acres to make sure they are covered. Instead of a fence due to the cost I agreed with the Board to put up a Berm.

Mr. Beckwith: Have we had any complaints for the last 2 years Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Chambers: Not that I can recall.

Mr. Beckwith: I have been given a letter to read for the Commission from Roger Griffith.

Mr. Perrine: Read the letter to the Commission from Mr. Griffith

Mr. Hammond: The Berm is not around the whole pit but it is around the mining area where they are extracting dirt. Where my equipment is, is all sloped. Road swept daily is not done if there is only 1-2 trucks that come in.

Ron Kinch: Why should we trust you to give another permit when you haven't complied with the first one. Think we need to table this because we need a better picture of what is going to be done here before we can make a decision.

Mr. Kinch: I would ask that you work with the Zoning/Building administrator to make sure you have everything you need for us to make an informed decision before you come back to us.

Mr. Hammond: I would like to make sure that we do the conditional use for 5 years to make sure we have time to get everything done.

Mr. Perrine: I don't want to minimize your neighbors concerns so I want to finish reading this and maybe you can speak with your neighbor to work this out. Have communication with him to settle with Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Miles: Do you have a current lease with Lester Brothers. When does that run out?

Mr. Hammond: We have a 5-year lease. It was signed in January 2020. 3 more years left.

Mr. Beckwith: How long do you think you need?

Mr. Hammond: What are we lacking?

Mr. Miles; We are going to need something from the road commission what is required from you for entrance and exist.

*Motion by W. Miles, supported by J. Southworth to table the conditional use for property #000-09-15-101-002-01 until the following information is provided to the Planning Commission.*

- 1. Mr. Hammond provides the Zoning/Building administrator with an updated application and plan for the project.*
- 2. Mr. Hammond provides what is required in writing from the County Road Commission for the entrance and exit.*
- 3. Mr. Hammond provides a site plan for the project.*

*6 Ayes: W. Miles, C. Gibson, R. Kinch, J. Southworth, D. Perrine & V. Beckwith*

*0 Nays:*

***Motion Carried***

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1. Master Plan**

**DISCUSSION:** R. Kinch reported he is hoping to meet tomorrow and he appreciates everyone on the Planning Commission and how well we work together.

*Motion by J. Southworth, supported by R. Kinch, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.*

***Motion adopted by voice vote***

**Meeting Adjourned 6:30 pm.**

**Next meeting: ~~December 15~~, January 19, 2021**