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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
August 4, 2021

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:04 pm

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

Members absent: D. Perrine and B. Lester

Persons in attendance: 6

Pledge of Allegiance

Purpose of Planning Commission read by V. Beckwith

Motion by R. Kinch supported by V. Beckwith to approve the August 4th Agenda as written
Motion adopted by voice vote

Motion by J. Southworth and supported by W. Miles to approve the July 21 minutes with the following changes:

Remove V. Beckwith from Members Present to Members absent

Change Purpose of Planning Commission read by V. Beckwith to J. Southworth

Motion adopted by voice vote

Public Comment: **Open at 6:04 pm.**
 No Comments
 Closed at 6:04 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 000-14-06-151-005-04**
3150 Page Ave. Rezone
GR Schultz Real Estate

Motion by J. Southworth and supported by R. Kinch to approve the rezone for property 000-14-06-151-005-04 at 3150 Page Ave. from Business (B4) to Light Industrial (ML).

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, B. Lester, and J. Southworth

0 Nays:

Motion Carried

- 2. 000-14-07-451-002-01**
2648 E. South St. Rezone
DLG & Associates LLC

Motion by W. Miles and supported by J. Southworth to approve the rezone for property 000-14-07-451-002-01 at 2648 E. South St. from Heavy Industrial (M) to Light Industrial (ML).

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, V. Beckwith, and J. Southworth

0 Nays:

Motion Carried

3. Adopting proposed Solar, The Ordinance

Discussion: J. Southworth stated that according to the ordinance written that nothing over 15 ft. tall would be allowed and that would mean Solar Farms and not wind turbines.

Motion by R. Kinch, supported by J. Southworth to Adopt the proposed Solar Ordinance as written.

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, J. Southworth and V. Beckwith

0 Nays:

Motion Carried

4. Amendment to Light Industrial zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System (CSES) (Also called “Solar Garden”) and solar farms as a conditional use.

Motion by R. Kinch and supported by C. Gibson to approve the amendment to Light Industrial zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System and solar farms as a conditional use.

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, J. Southworth and V. Beckwith

0 Nays:

Motion Carried

5. Amendment to Heavy Industrial Zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System (CSES) (Also called “Solar Garden”) and solar farms as a conditional use.

Motion by V. Beckwith, supported by R. Kinch to approve the amendment to Heavy Industrial zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System and solar farms as a conditional use.

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, J. Southworth and V. Beckwith

Motion Carried

6. Amendment to Agricultural zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System (CSES) (Also called “Solar Garden”) and solar farms as a conditional use.

Motion by J. Southworth and supported by W. Miles to approve the amendment to Agricultural zoning to allow Community Solar Energy System and solar farms as a conditional use.

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson J. Southworth and V. Beckwith

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Plan - Discussion: W. Miles believe we should table the discussion of Master Plan until Grant Baumann can join us at the August 18th meeting.

Discussion: J. Southworth proposed to the Planning Commission that in-person meetings resume on August 4th.

Motion by R. Kinch, supported by C. Gibson to start In Person Planning Commission meetings on August 4th 2021.

5 Ayes: R. Kinch, C. Gibson, B. Lester, J. Southworth and W. Miles

Motion Carried

Motion by W. Miles, supported by J. Southworth to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by voice vote

Meeting Adjourned 6:31 pm.

Next meeting: August 18, 2021