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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
August 18, 2021

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, August 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan.

Meeting opened to call of the Chair: 6:07 pm

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

Members absent: D. Perrine

Persons in attendance: 6

Pledge of Allegiance

Purpose of Planning Commission read by V. Beckwith

Motion by W. Miles supported by J. Southworth to approve the August 18th Agenda as written
Motion adopted by voice vote

Motion by R. Kinch and supported by W. Miles to approve the August 4th minutes as written.
Motion adopted by voice vote

Public Comment: **Open at 6:09 pm.**
 No Comments
 Closed at 6:09 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 000-14-09-152-002-01
102 N. Lakeside Dr. Rezone
Dennis Kurts

Discussion: R. Kinch stated that he feels that all the neighboring properties are zoned B-2 and should all be rezoned Residential which would align with the future land use map in the Master Plan. Should all be zoned residential or business not doesn't believe just the one property should be rezoned.

Mr. Conti stated that the Planning Commission has the authority to start the application for all the neighborhood to be rezoned as residential.

Mr. Kinch stated that Mr. Kurts should talk to his neighbors and get them all on board with rezoning the neighborhood to residential.

Motion by R. Kinch and supported by J. Southworth to approve the rezone for property 000-14-09-152-002-01 at 102 N. Lakeside Dr. from B2 to R4.

1 Aye: W. Miles

4 Nays: R. Kinch, C. Gibson, J. Southworth and V. Beckwith
Motion Failed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 000-09-23-377-002-08
3133 Whipple Rd. Rezone
Steven Adams

Discussion: J Southworth stated that this rezone was heard in July and approved but because the publication did not take place it needed to be presented once again as a public hearing.

Mr. Conti: As long as a quorum is present, it is the majority of those present and voting and since the Planning Commission is just a recommending body

3 Ayes: V. Beckwith, B. Lester and J. Southworth

0 Nays:

R. Kinch recused, W. Miles abstained, C. Gibson abstained.

Motion Carried

2. Master Plan with Grant Baumann

Discussion: Mr. Baumann discussed how the Planning Commission needs to develop a time frame with responsibilities for each objective. Once you have finalized the Master Plan it will become ready for public comment. Draft of the Master Plan will be sent to the Board of Trustees and released to surrounding townships and then they have 63 days to get their comments to the township. Once the 63 days are met then the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and at the end of the hearing the Planning Commission can adopt the Master Plan or it can be sent on to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

R. Kinch stated that he believed Mr. Perrine should be present to go through the Master Plan since he was an integral part of taking the amendment notes and publishing them. Mr. Kinch also wants to present to the Board of Trustees as the liaison the survey results of the Master Plan.

Motion by R. Kinch, supported by W. Miles to table the Master Plan to the second meeting in September.

6 Ayes: R. Kinch, W. Miles, C. Gibson, J. Southworth, B. Lester and V. Beckwith

0 Nays:

Motion Carried

Motion by V. Beckwith, supported by W. Miles to adjourn.

Motion adopted by voice vote

Meeting Adjourned 6:40 pm.

Next meeting: September 1, 2021