

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Agenda for: Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00pm

Commissioners:

Name	Present	Absent
Barry Visel (Chairman)		X
David Aubry (Vice Chairman)	X	
Rich Bailey		X
Eric Jasiak	X	
Tamra Stafford (Ex Officio)	X	
Nathan Miersma	X	

Also present:

Name	Description
Don Ulsh	Township Supervisor
Jim Jastifer	

Call to order: Commissioner Aubry opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Approval of agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Jasiak supported by Commissioner Stafford to approve the agenda as issued.
Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion by Commissioner Jasiak, supported by Commissioner Stafford to approve the minutes of the regular meeting that occurred July 12, 2021. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments / citizen time:

Don Ulsh introduced and welcomed Jim Jastifer.

New business:

1. Master Plan Amendment Public Hearing (Nathan & Danielle Miersma request)

Nate Miersma recused himself from this discussion due to conflict of interest.

A motion to vote to approve master plan amendment was made by Commissioner Stafford and supported by Commissioner Jasiak. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Discussion related to appointment of Jim Jastifer to Planning Commission

Old business: No items were discussed

Report from the township board: No items were discussed

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals: No items were discussed

Members and Township Attorney time:

1. Planning Commissioners discussed a continued interest in investigating short-term rental (i.e. AirBnB, VRBO) zoning. Township supervisor Don Ulsh provided names of nearby townships with ordinances in place that could be beneficial references (New Buffalo, Spring Lake, Ann Arbor, Haystown, South Haven, Holland)
2. Commissioner Stafford provided several updates:
 - a. Auditors completed their review
 - b. Schoolcraft Township is applying for the American rescue funds
 - c. Work continues on a new phone system proposal
 - d. A new website design for the township will be reviewed on Tuesday
3. Planning Commission intends to review and update the Master Plan in 2022

Motion to adjourn at 6:15pm by Commissioner Stafford, seconded by Commissioner Jasiak. Motion carried 4-0.