

## Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Agenda for: Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:00pm

### Commissioners:

Name	Present	Absent
Barry Visel (Chairman)	X	
David Aubrey (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
Leslie Dickinson	Foster Swift

**Call to order:** Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

**Communications:** None

### Approval of agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Aubrey, supported by Commissioner Jasiak to approve the agenda as issued.  
Motion carried 6-0.

### Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion by Commissioner Bailey, supported by Commissioner Stafford to approve the minutes of the regular meeting that occurred May 3, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public comments / citizen time:**

## Proposed minutes for review by Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Mardee Mott, neighbor to Nathan & Danielle Miersma, voiced support for the proposed rezoning of their property as outlined in the required notification she received.

Mardee Mott stated that she was there to see how the planning commission works as she is interested in buying/selling property in the future.

### **New business:**

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

Chairman Visel commented that, due to the fact that the Master Plan Amendment application was not posted and notification distributed according to the requirements, the Master Plan Amendment public hearing would need to be postponed until notice is posted according to the requirements.

#### **2. Zoning Map Amendment Public Hearing (Nathan & Danielle Miersma request)**

Commissioner Aubrey motion that Nathan Miersma be allowed to recuse himself from the discussion regarding the application to rezone his property. Commissioner Bailey seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public hearing was opened by Chairman Visel at 6:05 pm to consider the application of Nathan and Danielle Miersma to rezone their property (parcel 14-33-480-020 and parcel 14-34-355-021) from Rural Residential district and Campground & Recreation district (respectively) to Exclusive Agriculture district. The Commission entertained a motion to recommend approval of a change from Rural Residential district (parcel 14-33-480-020) and Campground & Recreation district (parcel 14-34-355-021) to Exclusive Agriculture district subject to approval of Master Plan Amendment to be heard after notice is posted according to the requirements.

Both public hearings were closed at 6:04 pm.

A motion for action of the Commission to recommend approval to the Township Board to:

- a. Recommend approval of rezoning the subject parcels to Exclusive Agriculture district, subject to approval of the proposed change to the Master Plan Map was made by Commissioner Aubrey with support from Commissioner Jasiak. Motion carried 5-0.

**Old business:** No items were discussed

## **Proposed minutes for review by Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission**

### **Report from the township board:**

A brief summary was provided of previous topics discussed, without any additional detail, regarding progress on website development, upgrades to phones and office IT support. A comment was made regarding efforts to plan in-person meetings, however unsuccessful thus far in 2021.

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

**Members and Township Attorney time:** No items were discussed

**Motion to adjourn at 6:13pm by Commissioner Aubrey, seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.**