

## Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Agenda for: Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00pm

### Commissioners:

Name	Present	Absent
Barry Visel (Chairman)	x	
David Aubry (Vice Chairman)	x	
Rich Bailey	x	
Eric Jasiak	x	
Tamra Stafford	x	
Jim Jastifer		x
Nathan Miersma	x	

### Also present:

Name	Description
Don Ulsh	Township Supervisor
Chris Hamilton	GCCI

### Call to order

Commissioner Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of agenda

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

### **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Commissioner Aubry motioned to table the approval of previous meeting minutes pending verification that a vote to propose new text to the township board took place and passed. Seconded by Commissioner Miersma. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Public comments / citizen time:**

Dave and Michelle Skinner, 4636 Poplar Lane down by Kimball Lake provided feedback that current accessory building requirements are overly restrictive and prevent proper storage of RVs and other large items that have become more common to own.

Mr. Skinner also provided feedback that variance fees in Schoolcraft Township are far more expensive than in neighboring townships based on his research (up to five times more expensive).

### **New business**

#### **a. Site Plan Review – JRS Rettenmaier USA LP**

Commissioner Aubry motioned to approve the site plan review submitted by JRS Rettenmaier. Seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Planning Commission acknowledges that site plans submitted by JRS Rettenmaier meet the setback requirements for the extra height of the building; that the section 4.12 height exception applies to the stair tower portion of the building; and that any lighting must comply with section 4.17; that all other standards required per site plan review in 4.26 have been met.

#### **b. Zoning text discussion regarding accessory buildings**

Planning commission discussed potential text change recommendations to the township board to include expanding the maximum size of accessory buildings, the total number of accessory buildings, defining/clarifying accessory buildings vs. accessory structures, and location of accessory buildings to include side yards.

Next steps include formal proposal for text changes, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **c. Zoning text discussion regarding horse boarding**

Planning commission discussed potential text change recommendations to the township board to include removal of special use permit requirements for horse boarding in AG1 district and removal of requirement related to number of horses owned vs. boarded.

Next steps include formal proposal for text changes, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **Old business**

No items were discussed

#### **Report from the Township Board**

An update was provided by Commissioner <sup>Stafford</sup>Savage including:

- updates related to tree and fencepost work nearby
- financial updates will be posted to the township website soon
- financials will be on the website soon
- bids being accepted on cemetery roads for repaving inside the cemeteries
- another tire recycling program scheduled in July and funded by a grant
- a presentation from South Count Community Services which provided an overview of their work in the community

#### **Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals**

No items were discussed

**Motion to adjourn** at 7:50pm by Commissioner Aubry, seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Motion carried 6- 0.