

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes for: Monday, September 12, 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

Call to order

Commissioner Aubry opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda

Commissioner Stafford motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Commissioner Jastifer. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

"Commissioner Stafford" was misspelled as "Commissioner Savage" and will be corrected.

The word "my" should be changed to "by" and will be corrected.

Commissioner Stafford motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting that occurred August 1, 2022 with the above changes. Commissioner Jastifer supported the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Public comments / citizen time:

None

New business

1. Commissioner Aubry opened the public hearing related zoning text changes at 6:05
2. Zoning text change regarding non-conforming lots
 - a. Commissioner Aubry opened the public hearing related zoning text changes at 6:05.
 - b. Zoning text change proposals were reviewed by the planning commission.
 - c. Commissioner Jasiak motioned to approve the zoning text changes, supported by Commissioner Jastifer. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Zoning change by Jared and Angela VanHorn at 177 Hildebrand Drive
 - a. Commissioner Aubry noted that three letters from the public were mailed to the Planning Commission regarding this zoning change request, and read them aloud.
 - b. Angela Vanhorn and Jared Vanhorn provided information related to their request and their intentions for their property following the proposed zoning change.
 - c. Gary Vance of neighboring 71 Hildrebrand Drive stated that he is against the rezoning because of the possibility that property values could be unfavorably impacted.
 - d. Commissioner Stafford noted that the zoning request fits with the future land use plan and that Chris Hamilton had noted the same in the documentation submitted.
 - e. Commissioner Miersma motioned to end the public hearing at 6:14, supported by Commissioner Stafford. The motion carried 5-0.
 - f. Commissioner Jastifer motioned to approve the zoning change request, supported by Commissioner Miersma. The motion carried 5-0.

Old business

No items were discussed

Report from the Township Board

- The draft audit was approved by the board
- An amendment to JRS site plan related to their site plans was approved by the board
- The board discussed RV setback regulations related to public concerns about RVs around Barton Lake being too close to the road and affecting visibility

- The board approved the zoning text changes related to accessory buildings and horse boarding
- The board reviewed the water rate increase at the cemetery

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals

- A variance for the car lot at US131 and U Avenue was approved

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 by Commissioner Stafford, seconded by Commissioner Jastifer. The motion carried 5 - 0.