

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes for: Monday, November 7, 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 Aubry motioned to approve the agenda, supported by Commissioner Stafford. The motion carried 4-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Commissioner Stafford motioned to approve the meeting minutes from September 12, 2022 and the meeting minutes from October 4, 2022. The motion was supported by Commissioner Jasiak. Motion carried 4-0.

Public comments / citizen time:

No items were discussed

New business

1. Public Hearing on zoning changes (Angela and Jerod VanHorn)

Commissioner Aubry opened the public hearing at 6:03pm.

Commissioner Stafford motioned to close the public hearing at 6:04pm, supported by Commissioner Jasiak.

Commissioner Miersma motioned to approve the zoning change as submitted. The motion was supported by Commissioner Stafford and passed 4-0.

2. Allowable fence height discussion (Debbi Loomis and Randi Noel)

Planning commission members reviewed and discussed the allowable fence height ordinance language.

Commissioner Stafford motioned to change the allowable residential fence height to not more than 7 feet. The motion was supported by Commissioner Miersma and passed unanimously.

Old business

No items were discussed

Report from the Township Board

Commissioner Stafford provided a summary report of township board activities:

- A special meeting was held to approve fencing for the township hall; the bid went to Farm & Garden
- The board approved TM Asphalt & Ace Striping to pave the drive and stripe the parking lot
- The board discussed a future bid process for work needed by the township
- The board approved the south county donation request
- A public hearing was held on Barton Lake weed treatment, which was approved
- The board discussed the Master Planning process which will begin in 2023
- SCMCCI hired a blight officer and an office manager
- The board will meet next Tuesday instead of this Tuesday because of the election

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals

- No items were discussed

A **motion to adjourn** was raised at 6:16pm by Commissioner Aubry and seconded by Commissioner Miersma. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Miersma