



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairperson Lyng.

Attendance was done by roll call vote.

Present: Commissioners Lyng, Johnson, Boshears, and Lindsey

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk

Absent: Gresly

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson and several citizens.

Commissioner Lyng led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Lindsey and seconded by Boshears to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote

Aye: Commissioners Lyng, Boshears, Johnson, Lindsey. Opposed none.

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk Absent: Gresly

Public Comments

There were comments about the Blue Oval project, zoning changes, neighborhood consensus, and concerns about comments made about family.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded Boshears to approve the September 5, 2023, minutes.

Voice Vote: Aye: Commissioners Lyng, Boshears, Johnson, Lindsey. Oppose Johnson.

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk Absent: Gresly

There was a comment by Commissioner Johnson about clarity in the minutes after the vote.

The proposed by-laws were reintroduced to the floor. The Attorney returned the draft to the Planning Commission too late to act at this meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded by Johnson to postpone the by-laws until the November 7, 2023, meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Commissioners Johnson, Lindsey, Boshears, and Lyng Opposed none.

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk Absent: Gresly

Vice Chairperson Lyng Opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.



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Public Hearing, Zoning Map Amendment, Dick Sweet, the property owner, is requesting a zoning map change for the property commonly known as 16-140-003-02, Vacant Land on G Drive with a cross street of Old 27 North, Marshall, MI 49068. The applicant requests that the zoning currently Agricultural / Rural Residential be changed to Highway Service Commercial.

~~There was a concern with the zoning of the adjacent property. The applicant agreed to a postponement to clarify the property's zoning further.~~

Public comment: Several comments opposed the re-zoning, noting the proximity to the residential properties and wanting the property to remain Agricultural/Residential.

Vice Chairperson Lyng closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM.

It was moved by Commissioner Lindsey and seconded by Boshers to postpone the special land use until the November 7, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Aye: Commissioners Lindsey, Johnson, Boshears, and Lyng Opposed none.

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk Absent: Gresly

Public Comments: Comment about the master plan and zoning, spraying solar, opposing solar, blue oval, people at the meeting vote, concern about squaw creek and blue oval.

Zoning Administrator – NONE

~~Commissioner Comments- Johnson apologized for the comments but asked that there not be attacks on anyone. Kalamazoo is now looking at solar. She wants to look at the master plan. She mentioned the Calhoun County Counts Survey. She had information about the county applying for a grant to possibly move a recycling center in the Township.~~

Commissioner Comments- Johnson apologized to the Bosserd family for any previous comments that were made, however there should be no personal attacks by anyone. Climax Township in Kalamazoo County is also looking at Solar. Calhoun County is conducting a Community Survey which can be found on their website. She shared that currently there is legislation to remove local control for items such as solar and encouraged contacts to your legislator. She advised that she is aware of a potential Comprehensive Recycling Drop off Center on 15 Mile Road from Calhoun County Planning and inquired if anyone was



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aware of this potential development. Mr. Anderson shared there was some discussion in the past. Commissioner Lyng also shared the same but none were aware of this development. Mr. Anderson will follow-up. Commissioner Johnson further requested that we review the Master Plan including the goals that are within it and review the zoning map.

It was moved by Commissioner Lyng and seconded by Commissioner Boshears for adjournment at ~~8:35 PM~~ 8:05 PM

Voice Vote Aye: Boshears, Lindsey, Johnson, and Lyng Opposed none.

Excused: Hoffman, Egnatuk Absent: Gresly

Respectfully Submitted by Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson for Secretary Lindsey.