

PLANNING COMMISSION AND REZONING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16,2021

The meeting was called to order at 6 P.M. by chairperson Mike Carey with the pledge of allegiance

Roll call showed all members present. Also attending were Pam Minerick, John Gilner, Brock VanOss, Bill Fleming and Richard Craig.

Previous meeting minutes were approved with Russ Bauwens making the motion to accept and John Leutz seconded and all member voting AYE.

The meeting Agenda was approved with Russ Bauwens making the motion and John Leutz seconded and all members voting AYE.

Public Comment on the Richard Craig Rezoning Request was open at 6:01. Pam Minerick then gave a report on a person who wanted to put a mobile home on a lot that has one already why they get rid of the other one. The Commission agreed that it would be okay with a time limit. Also a resident wanted to stable horses. This will come up at a time to be determined. She also brought up the determination from MTA on the green belt that the Township Board asked for. John Gilner then suggested having the people that wanted to use the mobile home to put down a security deposit to ensure they meet the deadline. This item will come up for decision in a future meeting. Bill Fleming said he would like the Planning Commission to set up a public hearing on four amendments. This ended the Public Comment at 6:08 P.M..

The Public Hearing on Richard Craig Rezone Request was opened at 6:08 P.M.. Pam explained what she did to prepare for this. Registered letters were sent and notice in the newspaper.

Richard Craig then gave a presentation on his request and why. Pam Minerick then explained that the former administrator did not inform Mr. Craig of the difficulties in placing the two houses so close together. Mr. VanOss then commented on the other land in the area and Mr. Gilner then asked if we had any documentation from the old administrator and the fact of spotting of the zoning. The Public Comment ended at 6:15 P.M..

The Committee then discussed the issue and approved on a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nay.

The Public Hearing ended at 6:22 P.M.

Master Plan Amendments. The following amendments were reviewed and discussed and voted on.

1. Revisions of the vision statement
On a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays this was accepted
2. Support creation or organic farming. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays this was not accepted
3. Right to refuse a tower on your private land. On a roll call vote 0 Ayes and 5 Nays, this was not accepted
4. Maintain current lot size, setbacks width and frontage requirements. On a roll call vote 5 Ayes and 0 Nays this was accepted

5. Keyhole and funnel development access in or to riparian areas is prohibited in entire Township. This was not accepted with 0 Ayes and 5 Nays
6. Revise zoning to include buffer zones for riparian zones. This was not accepted with John Leutz, Mike Carey and Jacob Conery voting Nay and Russ Bauwens and Ryan Warmboe voting Aye.
7. Provide education for proper use of fertilizers. This was not accepted with 0 Ayes and 5 Nays on a roll call vote.
8. Provide education regarding best management practices for roads and yards in riparian. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays it was not accepted.
9. Provide education for septic. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays this was not accepted
10. Improve guidelines and ordinances for septic. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays this was not accepted
11. Develop guidelines for applications of herbicides and chemicals in riparian areas. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays, this was not accepted.
12. Reduce the risk of water trucks spreading aquatic species. On a roll call vote of 0 Ayes and 5 Nays this was not accepted
13. Land use matrix. On a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays, this was accepted.

It was decided to put links to sites for education on use of fertilizers.

Bill Fleming then asked to vote on the old zoning ordinance and amendments. This was tabled until the Committee starts work on Zoning.

After a discussion the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 6 P.M.

Jacob Conery then made a motion to adjourn with was seconded by Russ Bauwens and all members voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.