

LEXINGTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7227 Huron Avenue, Suite 100, Lexington, MI 48450
August 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members and audience

ROLL CALL by Secretary Merriman:

Present: Michael Ziegler, Jane Huepenbecker, Ruth Merriman, Thomas Wilson,
Alan VanderGraaff, Charles Milletics

Absent: Kristie Jahn

Others: Davianna McAllister, Zoning Administrator, Judy Vandewarker, Recorder

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Merriman, second by Wilson, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Milletics, second by Merriman to approve minutes of the 6/15/2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

McAllister provided committee members a copy of a flyer detailing a seven-session course, "Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning" offered this fall in Port Huron through the Michigan Citizen Planner and MSU. She said the township would cover the course fee for members who choose to take it. Merriman and Milletics expressed interest. Registration deadline is 9/1/2016. McAllister will check to see if different people could share one registration, or we could pay per session.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The ZA Report was reviewed and discussed. McAllister said that Llerenas had paid the \$500 penalty imposed at the last meeting by mail. She further stated that she had checked the number of vehicles on his lot on three occasions, which showed the company to be in compliance every time. She also received a telephoned request by Llerenas to use balloons to draw attention to his sales lot for an up-coming "auction sale" since use of temporary signage is not allowed in Lexington Township.

After discussion about using a "permit system" for temporary signs, Ziegler asked McAllister to check with Mike Deem about this. Huepenbecker made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Merriman, and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Master Plan Update

Asked about the letter from East Michigan Council of Governments, suggesting that we work with the emergency management director (Todd Hillman) to integrate a reference to the Sanilac County Hazard Mitigation Plan, McAllister said this will be only a reference and that Carisle/Wortman should be able to assist us with the proper language. She further stated that Matt Lonnerstater should attend our public hearing, as that is part of our contract with Carisle/Wortman. McAllister said she did attend the 6/28/2016 meeting of the Sanilac County Planning Commission on behalf of Lexington Township.

A Motion was then made by Merriman, and seconded by Huepenbecker to set a Public Hearing for our Master Plan Update for 7:00 PM on Thursday, 9/21/2016. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance Amendments

Huepenbecker made a motion to set a second public hearing, for Zoning Ordinance Amendments, to immediately follow the above referenced public hearing, and to be immediately followed by the regular Planning Commission Meeting of 9/21/2016. VanderGraaff supported with a second, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

McAllister commented that she has been receiving complaints recently regarding noise and traffic when functions are held on private property, such as weddings, etc. She believes the term "reasonable" used by our ordinance for cases like this may be too vague. She asked that committee members keep this issue in mind as she expects we'll have to add some language to reinforce this ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by a motion made by Wilson, seconded by Merriman, and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Vandewarker

August 18, 2016