

Marquette Township Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 – 7 p.m.
Marquette Township Community Center

Jim Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Wiegand, Jim Johnson, Steve Heikkinen, Leanne Kachmarsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Springer (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Izaak Peterson- Staff Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Wiegand requested adding agenda item 6c. Fox Subaru Development non-compliance with Site Plan and Special Use Permit Conditions- Discussion, as well as amending the description of agenda item 6b.with Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Recreational and Medical Marijuana - Discussion.

MOTION: *To approve the agenda, as amended.*

Wiegand, Moved
Kachmarsky, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: May 22, 2019- Draft Meeting Minutes

MOTION: *To approve the draft minutes, as presented.*

Wiegand, Moved
Johnson, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Draft Transportation Plan Review- Discussion

Peterson provided background information and outlined the 2019-2024 Draft Transportation Plan.

Johnson stated the plan was beneficial to the Township. He requested additional time for the Planning Commission to review the document.

Peterson requested that the Planning Commission further review the Draft Transportation Plan for their next meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for Recreational and Medical Marijuana – Discussion

Wiegand stated that the Township Board tasked the Planning Commission with developing a Zoning Text Amendment with regard to Medical and Recreational Marijuana. He noted that the Boards directive to the Planning Commission is to develop a text amendment on the subject that protects the residents of the Township while allowing State Law to govern the overall use of Recreational and Medical Marijuana.

Johnson inquired if there is a timeline that the Township must draft a zoning text amendment on the matter.

Peterson stated that the Township has chosen to opt out of allowing recreational marijuana, and took no action to allow medical marijuana. Peterson noted that neither uses are allowed within the Township because of the Boards actions, regardless of the action the state takes on licensing. He explained that there is adequate time to develop a zoning text amendment to address Marijuana Land Uses.

Wiegand requested staff provide material that discusses state licensing types. He noted that a zoning text amendment on the subject will take time to develop, and reviewing the licensing types would be beneficial.

Peterson stated that staff will provide the Planning Commission with the States Marijuana license categories at the next meeting.

Fox Subaru Development non-compliance with Site Plan and Special Use Permit Conditions-Discussion.

Wiegand stated that the development of the Fox Subaru site has greatly reduced the southern bufferyard. He stated that the reduced bufferyard has a negative impact to adjacent residences along Northwoods Road. Wiegand stated that the developments action conflicts with the approved Site Plan and Special Use Permit.

Peterson stated that staff can provide the Planning Commission with the approved Site Plan and Special Use Permit to review.

Wiegand stated that the site is in violation of the approved Site Plan.

MOTION: The Planning Commission finds the Fox Subaru Development in violation of the projects approved Site Plan and Special Use Permit, and requests the Developer to cease operation of tree removal and appear before the Planning Commission.

***Wiegand, Moved
Johnson, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following item was distributed for review:

a. Approved Recreation Committee Minutes- 04/16/2019

REPORTS:

Proposed Tesla Charging Stations

Peterson reported that Tesla is planning to install charging stations within the Meijer property.

Recreation Committee Report

Wiegand reported that the Recreation Committee is working on the Recreation Plan, which should be moved to the Planning Commission by the second meeting in July.

Road Committee Report

Wiegand reported that the Road Committee meeting scheduled in July has been cancelled.

Township Board Report

Wiegand reported that the Board has been discussing Asset Management.

Short Term Rental Legislation- Update

Peterson reported that State House currently has two proposed Bills regarding Short-term rentals, he provided background and a legal opinion developed by Township Legal Counsel on the matter.

Sign Ordinance (Political Signs) Review- Update

Peterson distributed a legal opinion provided by Township Legal Counsel regarding the Township's Sign Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PLANNING COMMISSIONERS WISH TO MAKE:

Heikkinen requested staff provide the Fox Subaru Site Plan drawings.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Dave Wiegand – Planning Commission Secretary