



Township of Lapeer Planning Commission

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REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2010

The Planning Commission Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tim Roodvoets, at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Chairman Tim Roodvoets, Vice Chairman Ken Ewing, Secretary Ruth Lendt and Commissioners Dan Gingell, Phil Thick, Deborah Cady, and John Rutzen were in attendance.

Attendees:

Chris McLeod, Community Planning & Management - Lapeer Township Planning Consultant.
Cory Mabery, Engineer, Davis Land Surveying & Engineering - Lapeer Township Engineering Consultant; and
Lorrie Mead-Clancy, Recording Secretary

Public Time:

(Limited to three (3) minutes speaking time, regarding items not already on the Agenda.)
Opened at 7:36 p.m. No comment. Closed at 7:37 p.m.

New Business:

None at this time.

Other Business:

Master Plan

Master Plan:

Chair Roodvoets inquired as to whether Chris McLeod had brought the revised draft copy. Mr. McLeod presented a copy of the revised draft to Planning Commissioners. He indicated new photos would be taken, to insert within the Master plan document, so that it would be ready for the July 19th meeting.

Roundtable Discussion:

1. traffic counts
2. types of traffic included in Roadway Planning

Mr. McLeod noted the maps as presented in the draft master plan.

Commissioner Thick inquired as to the improvements made on the major roads within the Township.

Commissioner Gingell inquired as to current road width requirements.

Mr. McLeod noted the "types" of major roads/lanes allowable and indicated the road width according to the Lapeer County Road Commission standard, including 5 feet of gravel on each side of the road. He added some of the older roads within the Township do not meet current road width standards.

Mr. Mabry indicated there to be few roads less than 22 feet of pavement and shoulder gravel.

Mr. McLeod indicated the Township must rely on the Lapeer County Road Commission for road study information-they are the experts.

Commissioner Gingell inquired as to how often the road studies would be completed.

Mr. McLeod indicated the studies to be completed yearly, noting roadway plans can be changed accordingly with reference to the Master plan.

Roundtable Discussion:

1. roadway safety
2. road potentials
3. speed limits
4. road determination
5. character of the roads
6. working with the Road Commission to preserve the character of the roads

Mr. Mabry indicated types of roads such as scenic and the preservation of such roads. He further indicated necessary upgrades to several roads within the Township.

Mr. McLeod denoted Class A road requirements and suggested alternative routes providing for truck traffic. He indicated he would include this in the final Draft of the Master plan. Mr. McLeod also discussed the M-24 corridor as well.

Medical Marijuana

Chairman Roodvoets indicated final draft with changes as discussed at the last Study Session Meeting.

Commissioner Cady indicated definitions were given but she expressed concerns with specifics.

Mr. McLeod indicated definitions could be revised. He indicated land use comes into play- referencing the existing Land Ordinance.

Commissioner Gingell expressed concerns with restrictiveness and the possibility of conflict within definitions.

Commissioner Rutzen suggested the General Board's responsibility for restrictions.

Mr. McLeod indicated determination for the actual need; wording regarding "permitted activity".

Commissioner Lendt inquired with regard to the County making determination.

Discussion.

Motion Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Thick to send the Draft Marijuana Ordinance to Public Hearing on July 19, 2010. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Commissioner Rutzen reported on recent progress with regard to the proposed Lapeer Township Park. He indicated the removal of old fence materials and discussed proper placement of the new fencing. He also mentioned the natural woodchip pathways planned.

Commissioner Ewing gave a Zoning Board of Appeals report.

Old Business

None at this time.

Correspondence

As in packet.

Announcements

PC Regular Meeting July 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss- Motion Commissioner Ewing, seconded by Commissioner Cady to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Ruth Lendt,
Planning Commission Secretary

Lorrie Mead-Clancy
Recording Secretary