

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: July 15, 2019 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Riley Township Hall

Open

- Called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Larry Moquin, Jerry Filion, Michele Daly-Brown, Duane Hagle, Dawn Behem

Absent: Doug Pratt (excused), Dave Rushing (excused)

Agenda

- Changes to agenda: Larry Moquin added to New Business: B) MPEA 125.3815
- *Motion to accept agenda with addition made by Duane Hagle, seconded by Jerry Filion. All in favor, motion passed.*

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- *Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Larry Moquin, seconded by Michele Daly-Brown. All in favor, motion passed.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None Present

Public Hearing: None Scheduled

Guest Speaker – None

Trustee Report

Duane Hagle reported the township auditors, King & King, presented at the last board meeting and commented our township records were perfect and have a healthy fund balance. Hough Road bridge will be credited \$200,000 to help replace it with special thanks to our County Commissioner, Dave Rushing, State Senators Lauwers and Hernandez, and Road Commissioner Kirk Watson. If any, cost to the township it will be minimal and possibly up to \$25,000. Work on the bridge is scheduled to begin next summer but may start as early as next month. Duane applied for and was approved for a 3' x 8' sign that he designed to be posted for the Masters Road Cemetery that will be installed in the next 3 weeks. On August 12th, Richmond Lenox EMS will be offering CPR/AED training and certification at the Township Hall at 7pm to the public and free of charge.

Parks & Recreation Report

Duane Hagle reported next meeting will be held next Monday at 7pm and will be working on the Fall Festival and car show and was approved for new wood chips at the park.

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Board of Appeals Report

Larry Moquin reported a meeting was held on June 13th concerning a property on Cowhy Road for a set back issue for a pole barn that was denied 3-1.

New Business

- A.** HSP Diesel Site Plan Changes: Joe Kutchev presented three proposed changes to the November 20, 2017 approved site plan 1) eliminate fence on North end parking area; 2) eliminate portion of fence around concrete of the South end parking area; and 3) move the dumpster to the end of the driveway next to the building. Dawn Behem provided photos from a site visit the day before to the commission. Discussion was held among the commissioner members while reviewing the existing approved site plans and stipulations from the November 20, 2017 planning commission meeting.
- *Motion to approve relocation of the dumpster from the Southeast corner to the end of the driveway at the Northeast corner of the building made by Michele Daly-Brown, seconded by Duane Hagle. All in favor, motion passed.*
- B.** MPEA 125.3815: Larry Moquin reported that he has sold his house and will be moving to Port Huron. He approached the township board last week with his resignation to the planning commission. MPEA Section 125.3815 allows to have 1 non-elected member unconditioned. Larry offered to the board members and supervisor and to stay on the planning commission until a replacement for him can be found and appointed which was agreed to.

Old Business

- A. Review Section 1209 – Temporary Mobile Home or Construction Office:** Larry Moquin submitted a draft and presented the revisions and changes to the current ordinance. Discussion was held and Dawn will adjust the draft to bring to our next meeting for review.

Committee Reports – None

Communications Received

- 6/4/19 Email received from Trish Berger re: Special Usage
- 6/6/19 Email received from Deborah Kreuger re: Special Usage
- 6/20/19 Email received from Deborah Rhein re: Ordinance Violation Complaint to HSP
- 6/21/19 Email received from HSP re: site plan changes; email replied 7/7/19
- 7/15/19 Correspondence received from SEMCO Energy re: Public Improvement Projects that impact SEMCO Energy Gas Facilities

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Comments from the Public

Amy Capozzo commented she lives just North of HSP and wanted to address their comfortability, livability and enjoyability and feel that these have been taken away from her family. She is home all day during the summer because she is a teacher and commented she no longer enjoys being outside in the quiet and can't have her windows open because of the noise from HSP. There is a vent that is on top of their building that is not quiet and sounds like a hair dryer that is on all the time. She cannot have her windows open at night because the lights are "blinding" and they shine in her bedroom window. It is "ridiculously dusty" from their trucks and the workers vehicles.

Shannon and Brad Schuster commented that they have concerns with the lack of follow thru by the township. The noise and the dust have increase immensely since the HSP building has gone up and didn't know when the 180 days was up for the temporary occupancy permit and thought the trees would be planted already. Shannon commented that there are "many, many vehicles" that are not the employees and that it looks like a junk yard with abandoned vehicles. Shannon understood it was within the Master Plan to make this property commercial, but thought that there were better places in the township he could have picked for his business.

Joe Kutchey commented that the trees could not be planted earlier this year due to the wet weather and cannot plant them now because of their survivability. They would be planting them towards the end of August or in September when it is best to plant trees so they will survive.

Larry Moquin commented that the planning commission does not provide enforcement and that any concerns or complaints need to be addressed directly to the township office and board members. Currently there is no Ordinance Officer but there will be when one is hired. A copy of the Planning Commission's Regular Meeting Minutes from Novembers 20th, 2017 which includes the approved stipulations for HSP Diesel was provided to both Amy Capozzo and Shannon Schuster.

Comments from Planning Commission Members (not addressed) – None

Next Regular Meeting

Date: August 19th, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Riley Township Hall

Adjournment

Motion made Duane Hagle, seconded by Michele Daly-Brown at 8:12 p.m. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dawn Behem, Recording Secretary

Larry Moquin, Chairperson