

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: February 17, 2020 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Riley Township Hall

Open

- Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Larry Moquin, Dave Rushing, Doug Pratt, Michele Daly-Brown, Duane Hagle, Dawn Behem

Absent: Jerry Fillion (excused)

Agenda

Changes to agenda: None

- *Motion to accept agenda with addition made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Larry Moquin. All in favor, motion passed.*

Regular Meeting Minutes – January 20th, 2019

Changes to Meeting Minutes: Correct typo under Guest Speaker section from “out” to our”; add omitted (in error) stipulation as approved to special use # 2019-02 motion: “will not construct dog run fences closer to the East property line than which was currently in place at the time of special use approval”; and reissue Special Use Approval letter with correction to #2019-02 applicant.

- *Motion to accept minutes with corrections made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Doug Pratt. All in favor, motion passed.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None

Public Hearing: None

Guest Speaker: None

Trustee Report

Duane Hagle reported the RTB had budget hearing resolutions; reviewed proposed Emmett Fire contract with a 5% increase for 3 years; Annual meeting and budget hearing with proposed raise increases for RTB will be held on March 31st at 7pm; work on Tibbets Road Cemetery continues; County Road meeting to be held on February 26th from 1-3pm; and decided to host one annual festival instead of two.

Parks & Recreation Report

Duane Hagle reported a meeting will be held next week on Monday.

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Board of Appeals Report – None

New Business

A. Metro Planning: SCC Master Plan Update – Land Use Advisory Group Invite: Received a memo from David Struck, County Planning Director, inviting one member from each Planning Commission within the county to serve and participate on the Land Use Advisory Group for the St. Clair County Master Plan Update that will meet about four times over the next year. Larry Moquin asked for support to partake in this advisory group which all members agreed. Discussion was held and heard from interested members.

- *Motion to select Larry Moquin as the Riley Twp. Planning Commission representative to participate on the Land Use Advisory Group for St. Clair County Master Plan Update with Duane Hagle, if needed be, as an alternate representative made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Doug Pratt. All in favor, motion passed.*

B. Review of Zoning Ordinance #33: The Riley Twp. Board has requested the Planning Commission to review each section of the Zoning Ordinance #33 and to make changes to found within it. Duane Hagle commented he addressed the PC concerns to the RTB from the previous PC regular meeting. An in-depth discussion was held among all commission members regarding the potential costs associated in reviewing and making changes to the massive zoning ordinance document, and the length of time it may take to complete this process with a part-time per meeting basis planning commission.

- *Motion to request the RTB identify what sections of Zoning Ordinance #33 are the most troublesome, that there are substantial costs associated in reviewing and changing such a massive document that the RTB may not be aware of; and how will the part-time Planning Commission be compensated for the additional work in performing such a massive task made by Larry Moquin, seconded by Dawn Behem. All in favor, motion passed.*

Old Business

A. Mining Permit Ongoing Review – Expires 5/10/2020: Al Titus commented there was a resident North of the mine on M-19 who put in a new well due to a large drop in static water level and was not reimbursed by the mining company. The mining company denied responsibility and would not reimburse the resident \$8,000 for the cost of the new well. Larry Moquin commented that it is important for the commission to know how the mine operation impacts the neighbors for reconsideration in the mining permit renewal. Discussion held that a map of the mining property area with the location of all residential properties in proximity to the mine that had their wells were affected will need to be included with the mining permit renewal packet. The completed application packet is due to the planning commission two months prior to the permit's expiration.

Committee Reports – None

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Communications Received

1/21/2020 Memo to Riley Twp. Board Re: Recommendation to Amend Section 1209

1/27/2020 Letter to Patricia Berger Re: Special Use Application ID # 2019-02

1/27/2020 Letter from Metro Planning Re: SCC Master Plan Update – Land Use Advisory Group Invite

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Planning Commission Members (not addressed) – None

Next Regular Meeting

Date: March 16th, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Riley Township Hall

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn made Dave Rushing seconded by Duane Hagle at 8:00 p.m. All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Dawn Behem, Recording Secretary

Larry Moquin, Chairperson