

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: March 15, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Located at Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

Open

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

Roll Call

Present: Doug Pratt, Dave Rushing, Michele Daly-Brown, Duane Hagle, Brad Schuster, Dawn Behem

Absent: Jerry Filion (excused)

Agenda

- Changes to agenda: None
- *Motion to accept agenda made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 15th, 2021

- Changes made to Regular Meeting Minutes: None
- *Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

Special Meeting Minutes – February 22nd, 2021

- Changes made to Regular Meeting Minutes: None
- *Motion made to accept minutes as presented by Dave Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items – None presented

Public Hearing – None scheduled

Guest Speaker

Dave Rushing reported St. Clair County Director of Parks and Recreation, Mark Brochu, is retiring end of May and the County will be approving a joint 3-year contract at a rate of \$85.00 per hour with the City of Port Huron for Nancy Windsor to fill the position and splitting her time 50-50 between St. Clair County and the City of Port Huron; And the County will be receiving \$63 million that will be split among municipalities of the 1.9 Trillion dollars of the Covid Relief and the Township will receiving \$340,000 of that split.

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Trustee Report

Duane Hagle reported last meeting was held on March 2nd; moved the May 4th meeting to May 11th due to the upcoming school election; appointed Brad Schuster to the Planning Commission; direct PC to look into changing Section 905 to state no accessory buildings on vacant property; Boy Scout, Tyler Rabine, is looking into putting up 4 welcome signs on township borders; Road Commission meeting held on February 24th and will be spraying guard rails, Marv Roberts will be retiring in April; and will be doing the Township annual road trip with Mark Baranowski later this month.

Parks & Recreation Report – No meeting held

Board of Appeals Report – No meeting held

New Business

- A. Corrected 2021 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Schedule:** Dawn Behem commented the January date was incorrect and should be January 17th, 2022.
- *Motion to accept the corrected 2021 Planning Commission Regular Meeting Schedule as presented made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*
- B. ZBA Appointment from the Planning Commission:**
- *Motion to appoint Jerry Filion to the Zoning Board of Appeals Board made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Doug Pratt. All in favor, motion approved.*
- C. Annual Mining Permit Application and Site Plan # 2021-01:** Application was submitted by Wiegand's Crushing and received by the Township office with fees paid on March 1st, 2021; Site plan was signed and approved by the Zoning Administrator on March 3rd, 2021.
- *Motion to accept the Annual Mining Permit Application #2021-01 made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Doug Pratt. All in favor, motion approved.*
 - *Motion to hold public hearing at next regular meeting held on April 19th, 2021 to accept public comments on Annual Mining Application and Site Plan # 2021-01 made by Duane Hagle, seconded by Michele Daly-Brown. All in favor, motion approved.*
- D. Review Updated Draft Medical Marihuana Ordinances for Sections 1119, 403 & 503:** Reviewed and discussion held on updated draft received from Greg Stremers. Public hearing is scheduled at a special meeting held on March 29th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
- E. Review Accessory Building Requirements Zoning Ordinance Section 905 – Shipping Containers:** Reviewed and discussion held on suggested amendment from the Township board. Consensus agreed to amend Item I from "One (1) Accessory building..." to "**No** accessory building...".
- *Motion to hold public hearing at next regular meeting held on April 19th, 2021 to accept public comments on proposed change to amend Section 905, Item I made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Michele Daly-Brown. All in favor, motion approved.*

Old Business

- A. Review of Ordinance #33:** Tabled

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Committee Reports – None

Communications Received

2021-02-18 Letter from Suzanne Povinelli re: marihuana ordinance
2021-02-24 Email from Suzanne Povinelli re: marihuana ordinance
2021-02-20 Letter from Randy Mayer re: marihuana ordinance
2021-02-25 Email from Randy Mayer re: marihuana ordinance
2021-02-25 Email from Greg Stremers re: LARA Contact
2021-02-28 Email from Randy Mayer re: marihuana ordinance
2021-03-03 Email to Lori Shink and response re: request for digital site plan

Comments from the Public – None presented

Comments from Planning Commission Members

Duane Hagle thanked Dave Rushing for getting a plaque to be placed with a tree in memory of Paul Wilson. Dave Rushing expressed concerns of a possible 800-amp electrical service at M-19 and Lambs Road property, and about Township ordinance enforcement and medical marihuana. Al Titus commented a special meeting will be held next week to review 20 applications received for the open Enforcement Officer position, and attorney Greg Stremers will be used in handling all matters relating to the medical marihuana ordinances.

Next Regular Meeting

Date: April 19th, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Riley Township Hall

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn made by Dave Rushing, seconded by Duane Hagle at 8:03 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Dawn Behem, Recording Secretary

Doug Pratt, Chairperson