

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: November 15, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 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, Duane Hagle, Michele Daly-Brown, Brad Schuster

Absent: Jerry Filion, excused

Agenda

- Changes to agenda: Add Pole Barn Homes Under New Business
- *Motion to accept agenda with addition made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

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- *Motion to accept minutes made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion approved.*

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None presented

Public Hearing: To accept public comments for Special Use Approval ID # 2021-02 for Medical Marihuana Home Occupation located at 10703 Sparling Road.

- *Motion to open public hearing made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle at 7:02 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Chairperson Pratt asked for comments from the public. None presented.

- *Motion to close public hearing made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster at 7:04 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Rushing updated progress on the funds available through the County Commission's Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Trustee Report

Hagle reported generator estimates were tabled for new quotes with the required items. Discussed possible ARPA fund uses, and Electric Ordinance to be reviewed by Electrical Inspector.

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Parks & Recreation Report

Hagle reported a November meeting will be held, and Jennifer Rushing has been appointed to the committee.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting held.

New Business:

A. Special Use Application #2021-02 located at 10703 Sparling Road: The application contents were reviewed and questioned the residency of the applicant. The applicant stated they are remodeling but not currently living on property full time.

- *Motion to table the Special Use application for 10703 Sparling Road till the next regular meeting held on January 17th, 2022 made by Hagle, seconded by Rushing. Discussion: will consult with Township Attorney on what determines residency. All in favor, motion passed.*

B. Pole Barn Homes: The Township has had several requests for homes looking like pole barns. Section 916 – Single Family Dwelling Standards states all such dwellings shall be compatible in appearance to other site-built homes in the Township.

Old Business:

A. Section 905 – Accessory Building: Received recommendation for approval from Metro Planning Commission.

- *Motion to make recommendation for approval to amend Section 905 to the Township Board made by Daly-Brown, seconded by Pratt. All in favor, motion passed.*

B. Foster Oil Commercial Site Plan Update. A company representative stated there will be a series of meetings held with EGLE in 2022 to finalize their site plan requirements.

- *Motion to table commercial site plan update made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion passed.*

C. Electrical Ordinance: The Township Board has received and reviewed an Electrical Ordinance drafted by the Township Attorney that is also being reviewed by Electrical Inspector.

- *Motion to remove Electrical Ordinance from agenda made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion passed.*

D. 10611 Masters Road Special Use Application: Correspondence was received from the applicant stating they are withdrawing their application.

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- *Motion to remove 10611 Masters Rd. Special Use Application from the agenda made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion passed.*

Committee Reports: None

Communications Received: None

Comments from the Public: None

Comments from Planning Commission Members Not Addressed: Rushing stated that the Corporate Council for County Commissioners and the Supreme Court should come out with a ruling soon that a school cannot mandate a mask ordinance. Pratt stated that Fire Dept was fined by OSHA due to government mandate which was ruled unconstitutional.

Next Regular Meeting:

January 17th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. located at Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster at 8:01 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk

Doug Pratt, Chairperson