

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: January 17, 2022

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: Move New Business Items D and E to Old Business A and B; Change date of next meeting to February 21, 2022.
- *Motion to accept agenda with corrections made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 22nd, 2021: Corrections: none.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None presented

Public Hearing: None scheduled

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Rushing updated information regarding the mask mandate by the County Health Director, and working on county ARPA Funding to be guaranteed to township's Fiscal Year budget beginning April 1st, 2022.

Trustee Report

Hagle reported generator decision was tabled until all trustees were present. Adopted the Electrical-Residential Compliance Permit Ordinance. Approved Ordinance 33, Section 905 amendment. Public hearing scheduled for January 28th for Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Board welcomed new golf course owners.

Parks & Recreation Report: No meeting held.

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Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting held.

New Business:

- A. 2021 Year End Annual Report:** Reviewed annual report as presented.
- *Motion to approved the annual report as presented and send to the township board made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion passed.*
- B. 2022 Planning Commission Scheduled Meetings:** Reviewed the 2022 meeting schedule to be held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall with no meeting held in December.
- *Motion to accept the 2022 meeting schedule made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion passed.*
- C. New PC Member Needed:** The Supervisor has to fulfill the vacancy. Board Approves.

Old Business:

- A. Barndominiums, Post Frame Homes and Mono Slab Foundations:** Michigan State building codes would prevail. Difficult to define what is compatible and what requirements would define that. Check with township attorney on whether any legal standing to put an ordinance in place.
- B. Special Use Application #2021-02 located at 10703 Sparling Road:** Applicants stated still remodeling and have met the legal definition of residency by establishing mail and PRE. The township ordinance states there must be physical occupancy.
- *Motion to table until physical occupancy can be established made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion passed.*

Committee Reports: None

Communications Received: None

Comments from the Public: None

Comments from Planning Commission Members Not Addressed: A plan is needed in how to address illegal grow operations within the township. Discussed different options other townships are doing. Township board needs to define a plan for grow operations that aren't working on special use applications. Zoning Administrator is working on letters to be sent to grow operations. Can also call DTE on illegal hook-ups.

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Next Regular Meeting:

February 21st, 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 Hagle at 8:06 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk

Doug Pratt, Chairperson