

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: February 20th, 2023

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, Duane Hagle, Brad Schuster, David Bergen, Dave Rushing, Kimberly Budnick

Excused: Jerry Fillion

Staff Present: Supervisor, Al Titus; Zoning Administrator, Jim Golembiewski; Building Inspector, Doug Wendland

Agenda: Changes: None presented

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

Regular Meeting Minutes for January 16th, 2023: Corrections: none presented

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

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None presented

Public Hearing: None scheduled

Guest Speaker: County Commissioner Rushing reported on several townships opposing majority of remaining ARPA funds going to IRA Township when other options are available for funding. Another use for ARPA funds would be 8 million going to provide broadband to several townships, Riley included.

Trustee Report: Hagle reported Kimberly Budnick was appointed to the Planning Commission; A new OEO, Kyle Kallek, was hired; The ordinance on firearms was tabled; and the Annual Budget Meeting will be held on March 28th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Parks & Recreation Report: Next Meeting will be held April 24th, 2023.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting held.

New Business:

- Sign Application EMS Existing Sign # 2023-01:** Sign will be placed on existing post that will be same size with LED lighting.
- Sign Application EMS Wall Sign # 2023-03:** Wall sign placed on peak of building with no lighting.
 - *Motion to approve the EMS Sign Applications # 2023-01 and # 2023-03 as presented made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion carried.*

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- C. **Annual Mining Permit Application # 2023-02:** Site plan and application for annual mining permit received by the township office.
- *Motion to accept the Mining Application and schedule a Public Hearing made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.*

Old Business:

- A. **Site Plan Application Harmon Oil Company #2022-02:** Applicant presented a letter from Kasey Castle, a Huron TSC Permit Technician, stating could not approve a driveway on M-19 for safety reasons. Harmon Oil's site engineer was present in the audience and stated MDOT wanted at least 600 ft between access points on M-19 as to why the site plan was not updated with access to and from M-19. The board requested the applicant to submit an updated site plan with M-19 access point to MDOT for approval or recommendation.
- *Motion to table item to next meeting until site plan with M-19 access is presented to MDOT made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*
- B. **Solar Farms Ordinance Draft:** The board would like to have a speaker knowledgeable on solar farms to come to next board meeting.
- C. **Section 924 (C): Fences, Height Amendment:** Have not heard back from Metro Planning.
- D. **Section 1127: Special Approval Uses Nursery Schools, Day-Care Centers, Child Caring Institution, and Group Day Care Homes (7-12 Children) Amendment:** Have not heard back from Metro Planning, contact to determine status of both amendments.

Communications Received: Email against Harmon Oil driveway located on Gilbert Road; Email regarding a zoning map for Planning Commission. Need to have request for a map sent to the Township Board. Check with assessor to clarify what Extended or Extensive Commercial zoning is.

- *Motion to request a zoning map for the planning commission made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion approved*

Comments from the Public: Cowhy Road property would like to have livestock and farm vegetables, wanted to know if special use needed. Recommended to verify with assessor but should be zoned AG which would allow.

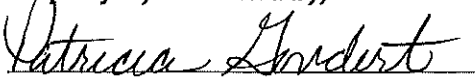
Comments from Planning Commission Members Not Addressed: Welcome Kimberly Budnick! County survey crew was out on Belle River Road to look at possible repair of culvert in which Belle River Road would be closed for about one week.

Next Regular Meeting: March 20th, 2023 at 7pm at Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn made by Hagle, seconded by Schuster at 8:26 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,


Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk


Doug Pratt, Chairperson