

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: May 20th, 2024

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, Brad Schuster, Duane Hagle, Jerry Filion, Kimberly Budnick

Excused: Dave Rushing, David Bergen

Staff Present: Building Inspector Doug Wendland, Zoning Administrator Jim Golembiewski

Agenda: No Changes.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15th, 2024: No Corrections.

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

Comments from the Public: Resident commented that property next to their home is causing draining issues, asked about putting up a fence next to an existing fence and frequent suspicious activity is giving them concerns. Sent an email about suspected illegal caregiver operation, wondered if more check and balances could be added to ordinance. Is there a way to restrict someone from getting a special use if they were in violation of the ordinance.

Public Hearing: None

Guest Speaker: None.

Trustee Report: Approved Master Plan Service Agreement, Passed the updated Electric Ordinance and the fees schedules for Electric, Plumbing and Mechanical and tabled a change of ownership for 123 NET.

Parks & Recreation Report: Had election of officers, discussed walking path starting mid June, approved a memorial bench for the walking path and discussed the Fall Car Show and Festival.

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting held.

New Business:

- A. Home Occupation- Medical Marijuana Primary Caregivers Ordinance:** Discussion on stricter background checks, monitoring more than just yearly. Existing ordinance is good, need better support for enforcement.

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- B. Solar:** Recent court cases have come up that may make sense to present a list of changes, possibly make solar arrays get a special use.
- C. Article II Section 202 Construction of Language and Definitions:** Several definitions need to be updated and more added. Best to keep the definitions in one ordinance rather than in individual ordinances.

Old Business:

- A. Master Plan:** The service agreement was approved at the township board meeting, Metro Planning will have time to oversee our Master Plan next month.
- B. Sign Ordinance:** Discussed 3rd draft, sizes and placement of allowed signs in different zones, suggested including photos in the ordinance for clarification of sign types.
- C. BESS:** Motion to table made by Pratt, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications Received: Email from resident regarding marijuana growing next door.

Comments from the Public: None

Comments from Planning Commission Members Not Addressed: None

Next Regular Meeting: June 17th, 2024 at 7pm at Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

Adjournment:

- *Motion to adjourn made by Pratt, seconded by Hagle at 8:57 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk

Doug Pratt, Chairperson