

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**HELD: RIVES TOWNSHIP HALL**

August 29, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Chairman Roger DeCamp, Dwight Carmer, Cliff Herl, Jim Lindstrom, Phyllis Pitmon.  
All present by roll call vote.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the agenda for the 8/29/17 Planning Commission Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 31, 2017 Regular Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for communication from the Township Board. Mr. Carmer reported he has had conversation with Supervisor Adams and he has an alternate for the ZBA and that individual will be the acting secretary. Nothing further to report. Mr. Herl reported for the Township Board: 1) Ken Price from the Great Association for the Upper Grand River Water Shed has met with the Board regarding water trails from the beginning of the Grand River to the end. The plan is to begin in Liberty Township and end in Eaton Rapids. Governor Snyder is behind this endeavor. Township Treasurer, Janena Teske, made a copy of an article, "Water Trails in Michigan" and Chairman DeCamp was given the copy; 2) Capital Improvement Plan "CIP". A Resolution is required from the Township Board if they choose to exempt the PC from this duty; 3) The PC is willing to handle the Parks and Recreation Committee and Mr. Herl will present these two topics to the Board and a Resolution is needed on this subject as well. This will enable Region II to help the Committee in applying for DNR grants.

Discussed the railroad tracks in the Township and Mr. Lindstrom indicated they are currently working on the Henry Road tracks; Broughwell Road tracks will be worked on next week. Discussion ensued on the two Resolutions. Grant Bauman, Region 2, recommended that the Parks and Recreation Committee meet separately from the Planning Commission meetings. We discussed the CIP and Mr. Bauman explained the CIP isn't meant to determine projects but rather it is the project implement that results in the vision of the Master Plan. The Michigan Planning Enabling Act states it is the responsibility of the PC to make capital improvements. Mr. Herl will present these two Resolutions to the Township Board at their next meeting in early September.

At 7:10 PM, Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, Stacy stated the transparency of the PC is different from the Township Board. Public comments closed at 7:11 PM.

The PC continued working with Grant Bauman, Region II, on the Master Plan. We finished Goals and Objectives as follows: Commercial Land Uses; Industrial Land Uses; and Recreational Land Uses. Our next meeting with Mr. Bauman will be working on the future land use map for the Township.

Chairman DeCamp shared about the MTA workshop that several attended in Kalamazoo on August 23, 2017. Subjects covered were: Short term rentals; Solar farms; and Medical marijuana. Discussed all of

these matters and ended with the State of Michigan and basically what is in it monetarily for the medical marijuana issue. The opinion was that the workshop was held 6 months too soon.

At 8:50 PM Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. Resident, Stacy Stoner, stated if more people attended the Board and PC meetings, they would be more informed on medical marijuana versus recreational marijuana. At 8:54 PM Public Comments were closed.

Chairman DeCamp asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carmer made a motion, second by Mr. Lindstrom. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Pitmon, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting Workshop date: **Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 6:30 PM.**

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