

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

REGULAR MEETING

HELD-RIVES BANQUET HALL

March 4-2019

Meeting called to order at 7:51 pm.

Members present: Chairman Roger DeCamp, Dwight Carmer, Jim Lindstrom, Cliff Herl, and Adam Williams. All present by roll call vote.

Mr. Carmer made motion to approve agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Williams. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made motion to approve minutes of 2-4-19 regular PC meeting, seconded by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Mr. Herl reported from the Township Board (TB) that 1) a joint TB/PC meeting would be held 3-5-19 at 6:00 pm at the Lansing Ave. fire station, 2) a joint Fire Board meeting had been held to approve \$2.00/hr. raises, approve repairing Jaws of Life, and approve purchase of thermo imaging device to assist in smoke conditions. Chairman DeCamp commented on article provided by Lisa Manwell from 2001 regarding Duke Energy attempt to develop project in SW Michigan.

Public comment was invited at 8:00 pm.

1. Vercilla Hart (resident) reported 1) update that Novi Energy project approval in a Calhoun County township was put on hold at 1-16-19 meeting and 2) asked how PC is going to address Hacker Machine.

Public comment closed at 8:08 pm.

Business:

1. Motion by Mr. Williams, 2cd by Mr. Carmer that regular meetings for remainder of 2019 be held on 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. All ayes. Motion by Mr. DeCamp, 2cd by Mr. Williams that future PC meetings be held at Lansing Ave. fire station. All ayes.
2. Mr. Lindstrom read a proposal to appoint an advisory committee to take on the temporary task of developing suggested language for a solar energy ordinance for the Township. Discussion ensued with the resulting attachment which was approved. Motion by Mr. Lindstrom, 2cd by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.
3. Chairman DeCamp described the duty of the PC is to be prepared for topics on the agenda and had therefore prepared written language, accompanied by an attorney prepared resolution to address potential action for business item 3 – Master Plan. He therefore 1) asked the PC members if each is “...ready to recommend to the Rives Township Board the 2019 Master Plan Draft?” Motion by

DeCamp, 2cd by Carmer. All ayes. Motion carried. See attached. Secretary read Resolution No. PC 2019-1 which is Planning Commission Resolution to Adopt Master Plan. Motion made by Mr. Carmer, 2cd by Mr. Herl to approve Resolution. By roll call vote all ayes. See attached Resolution document.

4. Rezone research - A 4-29-1973 PC meeting minutes shows that 53 acres was recommended to be rezoned to light industrial for land on Broughwell Rd owned by Jack Lapinski. Recommended unanimously. A special meeting 5-22-1973 of the Township Board approved the rezone of 53 acres of property in Section 7 from an Agricultural Zone to a light Industrial Zone. This research was voiced in the Public Hearing conducted earlier tonight and is written here for the record.
5. Joint meeting topics- Discussion among PC members of the topics on the 3-5-19 agenda and how each member should be prepared to contribute to the meeting.

Public comment was invited again at 8:57 pm.

1. Stacy Stoner (resident) is disappointed that PC wouldn't read aloud 9-page letter submitted today by Ms. Hart's attorney.
2. Kyle Waller (non-resident) challenged the PC and the Chairman that the Resolution to Adopt the MP had been prepared prior to the Public Hearing, and Mr. Waller stated that he knew what we were thinking and that the PC had already made their minds up. Chairman responded that it is each PC member's responsibility to come to each meeting prepared to respond to the agenda items and that Mr. Waller did not know what we were thinking.
3. Vercilla Hart (resident) would like to be appointed to an advisory committee for Industrial zone language.
4. Linda DeBruler (non-resident) when called on decided not to comment.

Public comment closed at 9:05 PM

The next Regular PC meeting will be held Monday 4-22-19 at 6:30 pm at the Lansing Ave. fire station.

Motion by Mr. Cramer 2cd by Mr. Williams to adjourn meeting at 9:06 pm. All ayes.