

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD – VIA ZOOM MEETING

December 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

Members present: Roger DeCamp –chairman, Dwight Carmer – vice chairman, Adam Williams – member, Christine Beecher – ex-officio member from Township Board (TB), Jim Lindstrom – secretary.

Chairman introduced Township Trustee Christine Beecher as the ex-officio member appointed by the Township board to serve on the Planning Commission (PC).

The written agenda was amended to state the moderator will recognize public commenters from the chat room list. Mr. Carmer made motion 2cd by Mr. Williams to approve agenda as amended. All Ayes.

Mr. Williams made motion 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve November 23, 2020 minutes as written. 4 ayes with Mrs. Beecher abstaining as she hadn't attended meeting. Motion passed.

Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Mrs. Beecher reported from the TB 1) that a new sign for the Main St. fire station in Rives will be placed, and 2) that a draft for a new ordinance is posted on the Township website. Mr. Carmer stated that a vacancy on the ZBA has been filled with the appointment of Frank Adamszyk. Chairman DeCamp responded to question regarding possible violation of Roberts Rules of Order at November meeting. Attached from Roberts Rules of Order is language allowing "Adoption of a Motion or Action without a Motion, by Unanimous Consent". There were no errors or violation by the PC.

BUSINESS:

1. Chairman welcomed new PC member –Christine Beecher. She gave a short bio of her background, education, employment and being a lifelong resident of Rives Township except while at college and law school.
2. Light Industrial and Zoning Review – Chairman lead discussion of current status of April 1, 2020 Draft # 6 wordage under review. This encompassed Zoning Ordinance Section 17.01, 17.23, 17.99, 17.55 and 17.85B. Motion made by Mr. Lindstrom 2d by Mr. Williams to proceed with the Public Hearing as prescribed by the MZEA to Amend Section 17.01, Amend section 17.23, Add Section 17.99, and Replace Section 17.55 for the Code of Ordinances as presented in the April 1,2020 Draft # 6. PC members discussed. Roll call vote approved by 4-1 yes with Chairman DeCamp voting no. Mr. Williams made motion 2cd by Mr. Carmer to remove the line in the chart on Page 74 of the Zoning Ordinance labeled Industrial and replacing with the proposed Table (1) 17.55 Light Industrial District Dimensional Requirements from the April 1, 2020 Draft #6. Discussion by PC members. Motion passed, all ayes. Motion made by Mr. Lindstrom 2cd by Mr. Carmer to proceed with Public Hearing as prescribed in the MZEA to Add Section 17.85 B to the Township to the Code of Ordinances as presented in the April 1, 2020 Draft # 6. Discussion by PC members. Motion passed, all ayes.

Public comment was taken at 8:05 pm.

1. Andrea Brenner (resident) asked regarding the private drive ordinance and how it applied to her property off Henry Rd. Mr. Carmer offered to meet with her at site and explain Ordinance.
2. Donna Domm (resident) stated that public should be allowed to see Draft # 6 before future Public Hearing. Secretary Lindstrom stated that Public Notice would be in newspaper, Township website and at Township office.

Public comment closed at 8:19 pm.

PC members discussed that Ordinance changes will be available to public on Township website and Township Office.

Next regular PC meeting will be held January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Zoom or in person to be determined based on government guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm by unanimous consent.