



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2018

Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

Members Present: Timothy Burns, At Large, Nancy Hawley, At Large; Ted Hilleary, Education; Jennifer Morris, At Large; Russ Jennings, At large; Jim Videto, Agriculture; and Jonathan Williams, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Members Absent: Roger Gaede, Environment, and Amy Torres, Industry and Economics

Liaisons Present: Grant Bauman, Principal Planner

Others Present: None.

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Secretary Morris. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Secretary Morris noted that Comm. Burns was listed as both present and absent for the April 14th meeting. He was removed from the listing of members present. A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Williams, to **approve** the minutes of the April 12, 2018, meeting as corrected. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Williams, to **approve** the June 14, 2018, meeting agenda as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 6. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation**

a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**

(1) **CZ #18-09 – Proposed rezoning in Liberty Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject property (which is located in Section 20 (T4S-R1W) of the Township) to 'Agricultural (AG-1)' from 'Commercial (C-1)'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend approval of the rezoning with comments (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request.

A motion was made by Comm. Videto, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed rezoning, concurring with the staff advisement (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(2) **CZ #18-10 – Proposed rezoning in Pulaski Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject property (which is located in Section 27 (T4S-R3W) of the Township) to 'Light Industrial (I-1)'

from 'Agricultural (AG-1)'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend disapproval with comments (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request.

A motion was made by Comm. Williams, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to recommend **disapproval** of the proposed rezoning, concurring with the staff advisement (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(3) **CZ #18-11 – Proposed text amendments regarding 'Medical Marihuana' to the Pualaski Township Zoning Ordinance**

Staff summarized its report on the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments regarding 'Medical Marihuana'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend approval with comments (please see the staff report). Staff clarified that its advisement to make 'safety compliance', 'processor', and/or 'secure transporter' facilities accessory uses to a 'grower' facility only applies to the AG-1 district; no changes to where those facilities would be allowed in other districts was intended.

A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Burns, to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed text amendments, concurring with the staff advisement (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(4) **CZ #18-12 – Proposed rezoning in Leoni Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject property (which is located in Section 4 (T3S-R1E) of the Township) to 'Heavy Industrial (M)' from 'Suburban Residential (RS)'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend approval with comments (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request. Comm. Morris is concerned with industrial creep in order to accommodate medical marihuana facilities. Comm. Hawley stated that because the wetland covering part of the property is greater than 5 acres in size, a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is needed; she is also concerned with industrial creep. Comm. Videto noted that other bodies are concerned with environmental issues; the JCPC cannot do it all.

A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Williams, to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed rezoning, concurring with the staff advisement (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved by majority vote, with Comm. Morris voting no.*

b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.

c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).**

(1) **FA #18-01 – Concord Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding 3 applications to enroll the subject property (which is located in Section 36 (T3S-R3W) of the Township) in the PA 116 program. Staff suggested that a single application could be utilized to enroll the property and also noted several application errors (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request. Comm. Hawley

surmised that the different applications may have been submitted in order to make it easier to remove a portion of the property from the agreement in the future.

A motion was made by Comm. Hawley, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to recommend **approval with comments** of the applications (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(2) **FA #18-02 –Pulaski Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding 2 applications to enroll the subject property (which is located in Section 12 (T4S-R3W) of the Township) in the PA 116 program. Staff suggested that a single application could be utilized to enroll the property (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request.

A motion was made by Comm. Hawley, and seconded by Comm. Videto, to recommend **approval with comments** of the applications (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 7. **Other Business**

- a. **Unfinished Business.** None.
- b. **New Business.** None.

Item 7. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** There were no commissioner comments.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Morris at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary