



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2018

Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

Members Present: Roger Gaede, Environment; Nancy Hawley, At Large; Ted Hilleary, Education; Jennifer Morris, At Large; Russ Jennings, At large; Amy Torres, Industry and Economics; Jim Videto, Agriculture; and Jonathan Williams, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Members Absent: Timothy Burns, At Large

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 Chair Torres. 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.** A motion was made by Comm. Williams, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the minutes of the August 9, 2018, meeting as written. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** A motion was made by Comm. Morris, and seconded by Comm. Jennings, to **approve** the September 13, 2018, meeting agenda as written. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation**

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

(1) **CZ #18-21 – Proposed rezoning in Napoleon Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject property—Parcel ID# 000-14-27-126-002-01, located in Section 27 (T3S-R1E) of the Township—from 'Local Commercial (LC)' to 'Multiple Family Residential (RM)'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend approval (please see the staff report). It was also noted that the township's master plan is currently being updated. There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request. Comm. Gaede was concerned that the aerial photograph (Figure 4b in the staff report) showed that the rear building was located across the rear property line. Staff explained that the GIS (Geographic Information System) parcel layer does not always line up with the aerial photography.

A motion was made by Comm. Videto, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to recommend **approval** of the proposed RM (Multiple Family Residential) to the Napoleon Township Board. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

- b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.
- c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).**
 - (1) **FA #18-04 –Pulaski Township**

Staff summarized its report regarding the application to enroll the subject property— Parcel ID# 000-16-12-100-001-02, located in Section 12 (T4S,R3W) of the Township—in the PA 116 program. Staff noted that the parcel surrounding the subject property on three sides was recommended by the JCPC for enrollment in the PA 116 program earlier in the year. Staff also identified a couple of errors/omissions regarding the application (please see the staff report). There was discussion among the Planning Commissioners regarding the request. Comm. Gaede asked what cash crop could gross \$400/acre. Comm. Videto said that corn could gross that amount.

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

Item 6. **Other Business**

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

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Hawley brought up the upcoming recreational marijuana ballot measure. According to a recent issue of the *Planning & Zoning News*, the description on the ballot will be limited to 100 words. Several concerns were also identified. A community that does not want to participate in recreational marijuana will have to opt out immediately. Petitioners can override a decision to opt out by a public vote. There will be limited municipal control. Commissioners discussed the issue and it was noted that the City of Jackson is being proactive by drafting regulations. Comm. Gaede is concerned that marijuana use is not healthful and that allowing it goes against his calling as an engineer.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Morris at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary