



Lenawee County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Old Lenawee County Courthouse • 2nd Floor Commission Chambers • Adrian, Michigan

Members Present: Mr. Bob Behnke, Education Representative; Ms. Karol (KZ) Bolton, Lenawee County Commission, Ms. Rebecca Liedel, LCPC Chair; Mr. Bruce Nickel; and Mr. Dale Witt

Members Absent: Mr. Keith Dersham, LCPC Secretary, and Mr. Ralph Tillotson, Lenawee County Commission

Others Present: Mr. Grant Bauman, LCPC Staff/Recording Secretary.

Item 1 **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Liedel. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2 **Public comment.** None.

Item 3 **Approval of Agenda.** Staff submitted the 01/17/19 meeting agenda for approval, requesting the addition of a PA 116 application as Item #5.b.(1), the election of officers as Item #6.b.(1), and a discussion on the 2019 annual dinner as Item #6.b.(2).

A motion was made by Comm. Witt, and seconded by Comm. Nickel, to approve the January 17, 2019, meeting agenda as amended. *The motion passed unanimously.*

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes.** Staff submitted the 12/20/18 meeting minutes for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Bolton, and seconded by Comm. Behnke, to approve the December 20, 2018, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion passed unanimously.*

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

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

- (1) **#19-01 | Franklin Township.** Commissioners reviewed the proposed partial rezoning of FR0-520-0020-00 to "General Commercial (C-1)"; the eastern portion of the subject property is already zoned C-1. Staff advised recommending approval of the rezoning, noting the creation of a legal nonconformity (see the staff report). Comm. Bolton asked about the existing residential duplex. Comm. Nickel confirmed the existence of duplex units on the upper and lower floors of the building. Comm. Nickel also stated his intent to abstain from the vote due to his relationship with Franklin Township (per Section 107(A)(4) of the LCPC Bylaws).

A motion was made by Comm. Behnke, and seconded by Comm. Bolton, to recommend approval with staff comments of the proposed rezoning to the Franklin Township Board. *The motion passed unanimously, with Comm. Nickel abstaining.*

b. **Consideration of PA 116 Farmland Agreement(s).**

- (1) **#18-25 | Raisin Charter Township.** Commissioners reviewed a proposed agreement for a property located on Centennial Road in Section 12 (T6S,R4E) of Raisin Charter Township, noting errors/omissions regarding questions #16 and #17 on the application (see the staff report). Comm. Witt stated his intent to abstain from the vote due to his relationship with Raisin Charter Township (per Section 107(A)(4) of the LCPC Bylaws).

A motion was made by Comm. Nickel, and seconded by Comm. Behnke, to recommend approval with staff comments. *The motion passed unanimously, with Comm. Witt abstaining.*

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

Item 6 **Other Business**

a. **Old Business.** None.

b. **New Business.**

- (1) **Election of Officers.** Staff explained that a Chair and Secretary must be elected annually per the Michigan Planning Enabling Act and the LCPC bylaws. The current Chair is Comm. Liedel and the current Secretary is Comm. Dersham.

A motion was made by Comm. Bolton, and seconded by Comm. Witt, to reappoint the slate of officers from 2018. *The motion passed unanimously.*

- (2) **2019 Annual Dinner.** Staff solicited ideas for the upcoming annual dinner in April regarding venue and topics.

- The Lenawee Country Club and the Adrian Armory Events Center were suggested as possible locations for the event.
- Securing funding for microneighborhoods, commercial live/work space, and the reuse of buildings; MSHDA's Redevelopment Ready Communities program; and Lenawee Now's recent economic development efforts were suggested as possible subjects and speakers.

Staff will look into these suggestions and report back to the Commission in February. It was also suggested that the LCPC should host a Planning and Zoning workshop.

Item 7 **Public Comment** — None.

Item 8 **Commissioner Comment** — None.

Item 9 **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Grant E. Bauman, Recording Secretary