



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2020

5th Floor Commission Chambers • Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

- Members Present:** Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson Co. Board of Comm.; and Ms. Jennifer Morris, At Large
- Members Absent:** Ms. Amy Guerriero, Industry and Economics, and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture
- Liaisons Present:** Mr. 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.** A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Hawley, to **approve** the January 9, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Staff requested that the agenda be amended to include the election of officers under new business (Item #6b). A motion was made by Comm. Kennedy, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the February 13, 2020, meeting agenda as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation.**
- a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**

(1) **CZ | #20-04a, -04b, -04c, & -04d | Grass Lake Charter Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject properties—identified in the staff report as ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, and ‘D’; known as Parcel ID #000-10-34-126-001-07, #000-10-34-301-003-00, #000-10-34-326-001-00, and #000-10-34-326-002-00, respectively; and located in Section 34 (T2S-R2E) of the Township—from ‘general commercial (GC)’ to ‘single family residential (R-2)’. The Township Planning Commission recommends approval of rezoning Parcels ‘B’ - ‘D’ to ‘C-2’ and the rezoning of the southern portion of Parcel ‘A’ to ‘R-2’, retaining the ‘GC’ zoning on the remainder of the property. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval** of the rezoning to ‘R-2’ for parcels ‘B’ - ‘D’ and **disapproval** of the partial rezoning of parcel ‘A’ to ‘R-2’ (please see the staff report).

After some discussion a motion was made by Comm. Burns, and seconded by Comm. Hawley, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval** of the rezoning to ‘R-2’ for Parcels ‘B’ - ‘D’ and **approval** of rezoning the entirety of Parcel

'A' to 'R-2', or **disapproval** of the partial rezoning to 'R-2' for Parcel 'A', to the Grass Lake Charter Township Board (please see the staff report and these minutes). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #20-05 | Sandstone Charter Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of the subject property—known as Parcel ID #000-07-36-201-001-09 and located in Section 36 (T2S-R2W) of the Township—from 'suburban residential (RS-1)' to 'agricultural (AG-1)'. County Planning Commissioners were advised to recommend **approval with comments** of the rezoning to 'AG-1' (please see the staff report).

After some discussion a motion was made by Comm. Kennedy, and seconded by Comm. Jennings, to recommend **approval with comments** of the rezoning to 'AG-1' to the Sandstone Charter Township Board (please see the staff report). *The motion was approved unanimously.*

- b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.
- c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).** None.

Item 6. **Other Business.**

a. **Unfinished Business.**

Jackson County Master Plan. Commissioners and staff discussed the next steps in developing the master plan. It was decided to concentrate on goals and objectives related to land use, including the agricultural preservation component from the community master plan. The future land use categories identifying areas recommended for agricultural preservation, low- and high-density residential, commercial, and industrial, and the categories of institutions and parks as overlays, will be shown on a map utilizing 'bubbles'.

b. **New Business.**

Election of Officers. After some discussion the following motions were made:

A motion was made by Comm. Hilleary, and seconded by Comm. Burns, to elect Comm. Morris as the **Chair** of the Jackson County Planning Commission for 2020. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

A motion was made by Comm. Jennings, and seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to elect Comm. Hawley as the **Secretary** of the Jackson County Planning Commission for 2020. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Hawley announced the availability of the Jackson County Conservation District's seedling tree catalogue.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by Secretary Morris at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary