

Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020

ZOOM • Meeting ID: 928 3602 1594 • Passcode: 409396

Members Present:Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; Mr. Ted Hilleary,
Education; Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Ms. Jen-
nifer Morris, At Large; and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture

Members Absent: Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics; and Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners;

Liaisons Present: Mr. Grant Bauman, Principal Planner, and Bethany McCune

Others Present: None.

Item 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Item 2. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes. Comm. Gaede made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to *approve* the July 9, 2020, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously*.
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Hawley made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gaede, to *approve* the September 10, 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). None.

(1) CZ | #20-09 | Grass Lake Charter Township

Staff summarized his report regarding proposed text amendments to the *Grass Lake Charter Township Zoning Ordinance* regarding mining and extraction operations, citing the comments made in his memo (see the staff report). Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed text amendments, including the need to make mining and extraction operations a special land use in all zoning districts.

Comm. Videto mentioned the litigation that necessitated the amendments. He then made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gaede, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend *approval with comments* of the proposed text amendments to the Grass Lake Charter Township Board (please see the staff report and these minutes). *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

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(2) CZ | #20-11 | Summit Township

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Weatherwax Drive and Horton Road and known as Parcel ID #000-13-16-301-039-1200, to 'general commercial (C-2)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend *approval* of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

After some discussion Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend *approval* of the proposed 'C-2' rezoning to the Summit Township Board (please see the staff report and these minutes). *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously*.

(3) CZ | #20-12 | Leoni Township

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Page Avenue and Ballard Road and known as Parcel ID #000-14-04-451-011-00, to 'light manufacturing (ML)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend *disapproval* of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Ms. McCune spoke in favor of the rezoning, cited nearby marihuana uses, and expressed her appreciation for the detail of the staff report. In response to a staff comment, she noted that there was no discussion at the Township Planning Commission and that the motion died due to the lack of a second. Comm. Gaede made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend *disapproval* of the proposed 'ML' rezoning to the Leoni Township Board (please see the staff report and these minutes). *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously*.

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

(1) CZ | #20-02 | Pulaski Township

Staff summarized his report regarding a PA 116 application for a property located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hanover and Grover Roads and known as Parcel ID #000-16-25-200-001-00. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend *approval with comments*, including the possible removal of the home from the application (please see the staff report).

Comm. Videto stated that he did not think there would be an issue with keeping the home in the application. He then made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend *approval with comments* of the application to the Pulaski Township Board (please see the staff report and these minutes). *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously*.

Item 6. Other Business.

a. Unfinished Business.

Jackson County Master Plan. Staff summarized the proposed changes to Chapters 2 and 3 of the Master Plan, including new land use/cover data regarding farmland quality and forests. The next step will be to update the future land use map.

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- b. New Business. None.
- Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.
- Item 8. Commissioner Comment. None.
- Item 9. Adjournment. Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary