



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

**zoom** • Meeting ID: 954 0475 5366 • Passcode: 034113

**Members Present:** Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics (virtually from Jackson); Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment (virtually from Columbia); Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large (virtually from Leoni); Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large (virtually from Munith); Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education (virtually from Blackman); Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large (virtually from Leoni); Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners (virtually from Leoni); and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture (virtually from Spring Arbor)

**Members Absent:** Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large

**Liaisons Present:** Mr. Grant Bauman, Principal Planner

**Others Present:** N/A

- Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Secretary Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose and joined in a virtual Pledge of Allegiance.
- Item 2. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment, but Secretary Hawley took the opportunity to welcome Comm. Gallagher to the Jackson County Planning Commission.
- Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Gaede located a mistake in item 5a(2). The reference should be to the Columbia Township Board rather than the Summit Township Board. Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to **approve** the December 10, 2020, meeting minutes as corrected. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Staff noted the addition of election of officers under Item 6b (new business) and the need to rename the second Item 5a(1) as 5a(2). Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the January 14, 2021, meeting agenda as corrected. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation.**
- a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**
    - (1) **CZ | #21-01 | Napoleon Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property located on Brooklyn Road (M-50) and known as Parcel ID #000-14-36-477-003-02, to 'general commercial (GC)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval** of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval** of the proposed 'GC' rezoning to the Napoleon Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #21-02 | Leoni Township**

Staff summarized his report pertaining to proposed text amendments regarding regulating medical marijuana primary caregivers as a type of home occupation. Staff noted various comments/suggestions contained in his report aimed at strengthening the regulations. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the text amendments (please see the staff report).

Comm. Hawley commented that an October 30, 2018, court case decision (#340487) regarding the Charter Township of Ypsilanti disallows limiting primary caregivers to certain zoning districts. Comm. Jennings noted that the amendments boil down to a registration process, rather than limiting yields. He is concerned that no time frame is given for the completion of registrations. Comm. Gallagher noted that the person to grant permits is not designated. She also noted that a registration cost was not specified; staff explained that that is often done by separate resolution.

Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Videto, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval with comments** (see the staff report and these minutes) of the proposed text amendments to the Leoni Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion by majority vote, with Comm. Gaede voting no.*

- 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.** None.
- b. **New Business.**

**Election of the Chair and Secretary.** Staff asked for nominations for Chair and Secretary of the JCPC in 2021

Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to nominate Comm. Hawley as the JCPC Chair for 2021. She accepted. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

Comm. Beda made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to nominate Comm. Beda as the JCPC Secretary for 2021. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Videto welcomed Comm. Gallagher to the JCPC, congratulated Comm. Hawley and Comm. Beda for their election as Chair and Secretary, respectively, and thanked Comm. Hawley for her research. Comm. Gallagher provided a brief biography of herself at the request of Comm. Gaede. Comm. Hawley noted that she gets a lot of her information from the MSU Citizen Planner.Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary