

## **Jackson County Planning Commission**

Staffed by the Region 2 Planning Commission (R2PC) 120 W. Michigan Avenue • Jackson, MI 49201 Phone (517) 788-4426 • Fax (517) 788-4635

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

DATE: February 11, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grant E. Bauman R2PC Principal Planner (517) 768-6711 gbauman@co.jackson.mi.us

PLACE:

(see the back for login information)

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

1.	Call to order and pledge of allegiance			
2.	Public comment [3 MINUTE LIMIT]			
3.	Approval of minutes			
	Approval of the January 14, 2021, meeting minutes [ACTION]			
4.	Approval of agenda			
	Approval of the February 11, 2021, meeting agenda [АСТІОΝ]			
5.	Request(s) for review, comment, and recommendation			
	a.	Consideration of township zoning amendment(s)		
		(1) CZ   #21-03   Leoni Township rezoning [ACTION]		
		(1) CZ   #21-04   Sandstone Township text amendments [Астюл]		
	b.	Consideration of master plan(s) – None		
	c.	Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s) – None		
6.	Otl	ner business		
	a.	Unfinished business – <i>None</i>		
	b.	New business		
		2020 JCPC Annual Report [ACTION]		
7.	Pul	blic comment [2 MINUTE LIMIT]		
8.	Co	mmissioner comment		
9.	Adj	journment		

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The next scheduled meeting of the Jackson County Planning Commission is March 11, 2021



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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.
- 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*.

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

Staff summarized his report pertaining to proposed text amendments regarding regulating medical marihuana 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



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#### **COORDINATED ZONING REPORT | #21-03**

To: County Planning Commissioners

From: Grant E. Bauman

Date: February 1, 2021

**Proposal: A rezoning in Leoni Township** 

#### Request

The subject property (ID #000-14-07-351-001-01) is proposed for rezoning from 'community business (B-2)' to 'light industrial (ML)' (see the background information).

#### **Purpose**

A commercial insulation business is located on the subject property (2221 E. South Street), where all truck maintenance is done. The purpose behind the request is that 'light industrial (ML)' zoning aligns better with the current use of the site given the use of larger trucks (see the Rezoning Worksheet Form).<sup>1</sup>

#### **Location and Size of the Property**

The 0.98-acre subject property is situated in Section 7 (T3S-R1E) of the Township. It is located on the south side of South Street, below the southbound exit ramp from US-127 (see Figure 1); the southbound entrance ramp is located to the east. The High Street/Meridian Road corridor is located to the west.

#### **Land Use and Zoning**

**Current Land Use** – An industrial looking building is located on the subject property, currently assessed by the Township for commercial use (see Figure 2); *JCPC staff noticed a for sale sign posted on the site*. The City of Jackson's Micor Industrial Park is located to the north (see Figure 5) and an industrial property within Leoni Township is located to the northeast. Dwellings are located to the east and south. Finally, a vacant lot is located directly to the west and a Mobile gas station is located on the west side of Meridian Road.

**Future Land Use Plan** – The *Leoni Township Master Plan* recommends 'commercial' uses on the south side of South Street, between Meridian Road and US-127 (see Figure 3); residential uses are recommended to the south.

**Current Zoning** – The subject property is zoned 'community business (B-2)' (see Figure 4). Properties to the north in the City of Jackson are zoned 'general industrial (I-2); a property to the northeast is zoned 'heavy industrial (M)'. Properties to the east and south are zoned 'suburban residential (RS). Properties to the west and northwest in Summit Township are zoned 'highway service commercial (C-3)'.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that this report lists the proposed use for informational purposes only. Do no utilize it in making the rezoning decision. Circumstances may change tomorrow which make the proposed use impractical. All of the uses that the proposed zoning designation would allow are pertinent to the rezoning request.

#### **Public Facilities and Environmental Constraints**

**Water and Sewer Availability –** The Township did not provide any information on the availability of water and sewer service.

**Public Road/Street Access** – South Street, a county primary road built to Class A (i.e., all season) standards in the general area, provides direct access to the subject parcel.

**Environmental Constraints** – The subject parcel has no known environmental constraints according to the Township (see the Rezoning Worksheet Form).

#### **Analysis and Recommendation**

**Township Planning Commission Recommendation** – The Leoni Township Planning Commission recommends *approval* of the proposed rezoning of the subject property to 'light industrial (ML)' (see the attached Zoning Amendment Form).

**Staff Analysis** – Leoni Township has a Zoning Plan (an element of the Master Plan) which includes the following criteria upon which a rezoning request must be considered:

- 1. Is the proposed rezoning consistent with the policies and uses proposed for that area in the Master Plan?
  - **No.** The Future Land Use Plan recommends 'commercial' uses on the south side of South Street, between Meridian Road and US-127 (see Figure 2).
- 2. Will all of the uses allowed under the proposed rezoning be compatible with other zones and uses in the surrounding area?
  - **Yes.** The City of Jackson's Micor Industrial Park is located to the north and an industrially zoned property within Leoni Township is located to the northeast (see Figure 4).
- 3. Will public services and facilities be significantly adversely impacted by a development or use allowed under the requested rezoning?
  - **Yes.** South Street is a county primary road built to Class A (i.e., all season) standards in the general area. Although the presence of water and sewer is unknown, those services (if they exist) are unlikely to be impacted negatively given the current industrial use of the subject property.
- 4. Will the uses allowed under the proposed rezoning be equally or better suited to the area than uses allowed under the current zoning district?

**Yes.** The City of Jackson's Micor Industrial Park and an industrially zoned property in Leoni Township are located on the north side of South Street. It appears that the subject property is already used for light industrial uses, eliminating a nonconformity.

JCPC Staff Advisement – Based upon the analysis provided in his report, staff advises the Planning Commission to recommend *AP-PROVAL* to the Leoni Township Board of the proposed rezoning of the subject property (ID #000-14-07-351-001-01) to 'light industrial (ML)'.

#### Staff Report Attachment(s):

• Background information provided by Leoni Township

#### **Suggested Actions:**

- (1) Recommend APPROVAL
- 2) Recommend **DISAPPROVAL**
- (3) Recommend APPROVAL WITH COMMENTS
- (4) Take **NO ACTION**

Figure 1 Location



Figure 2 Property Assessment



Figure 3 Municipal Future Land Use

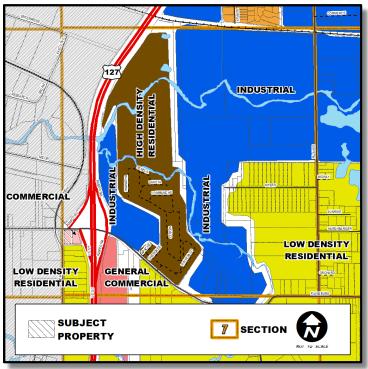


Figure 4
Municipal Zoning

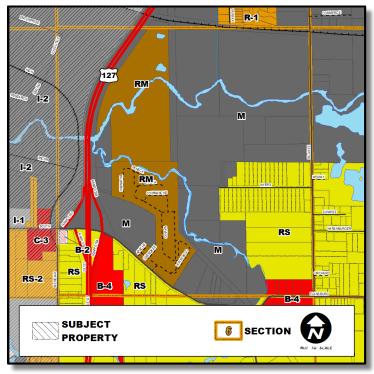
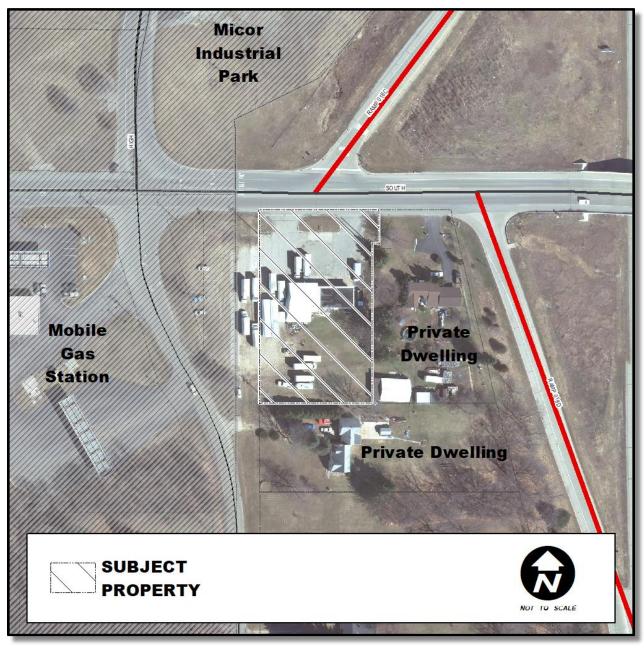


Figure 5 Aerial Photo



JCPC Case #: 21 - 03
(For JCPC Use Only)

### **ZONING AMENDMENT FORM**



## JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (COORDINATING ZONING)

Return to: Jackson County Planning Commission • c/o Region 2 Planning Commission • 120 W. Michigan Avenue • Jackson, Michigan 49201

Please submit the Planning Commission meeting minutes and any reports/exhibits the Commission used to makes its recommendation with this form. Use a separate form for each proposed zoning change. Please include a legal description/ survey with rezoning requests in addition to the Parcel ID Number.

A copy of this form with the JCPC recommendation will be mailed back to the Clerk, who will return a copy to the JCPC with the Township Board Action

A copy of this form with the service commendation will be mailed back to the clerk, who will return a copy to the service with the Township Board Action.
THE Leon TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION submits the following proposed zoning change to the Jackson
THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION submits the following proposed zoning change to the Jackson County Planning Commission for its review, comment, and recommendation:
(ANSWER EITHER A or B)
A. DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE (REZONING):
(Provide the legal and popular property descriptions, the Parcel ID Number(s), the number of acres, and the section(s) in which the
property is located. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. Attach a map showing all changes and additions.)  221 E. South St. Flease See attached
Mad Li 200th 2t, Trease see attached
1. The above described property has a proposed zoning change FROM <u>Neighborhood</u> <u>Business</u> ( <u>Bl</u> ) zone to <u>Light Industrial</u> ( <u>ML</u> ) zone.
2. PURPOSE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:
B. ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT:
The following Article(s) and Section(s) is amended or altered: ARTICLE SECTION
The NEW SECTION reads as follows: (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.)
The NEW Section reads as follows. (Attach dualitorial sheets if more space is needed.)
C. PUBLIC HEARING on the above amendment was held on: month day year 2021
D. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING was published/mailed on the following date: month Dec day 27 year 2020
(Notice must be provided at least fifteen days prior to the public hearing.)
E. THE NEWSPAPER (having general circulation in Township) carrying the NOTICE: The Salesman
The PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT described herein was duly considered by the Township Planning Commission and will be
forwarded to the Township Board with a recommendation to APPROVE or DISAPPROVE.
Vern Beckwith
JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (JCPC) ACTION:
1. Date of Meeting: month day year
2. The JCPC herewith certifies receipt of the proposed amendment on the above date and:
Recommends APPROVAL of the zoning change
Recommends DISAPPROVAL of the zoning change for the reasons stated in the attached letter.
Recommends APPROVAL of the zoning change with comments, as stated in the attached letter.
Takes NO ACTION.
TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTION:
1. Date of Meeting: month day year
2. The Township Board herewith certifies that a legally constituted meeting held on the above date and that
the proposed amendment PASSED, DID NOT PASS, or was REFERRED ANEW to the Township Planning Commission.
Township Clerk

### REZONING WORKSHEET FORM



## JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (COORDINATING ZONING)

Return to: Jackson County Planning Commission • c/o Region 2 Planning Commission • 120 W. Michigan Avenue • Jackson, Michigan 49201

\*Please submit with the "Zoning Amendment Form" for a district boundary change (rezoning), not a text amendment.

Township of: Leoni Township Case #:
Township official we may contact: Cindy Norvis  Phone #: (517) 936 - 2290
Applicant: Spink Properties LLC (Todd & shelly Spink) Phone #: (577) 499-4755
Rezoning Request: From: Neighborhood Business (B-1) To: Light Industrial (ML)
Property Location: Section(s): O7 Quarter Section(s): NW NE VSW SE
Legal Description and/or Survey Map/Tax Map (please attach)  Ves No (Please do not use only the Parcel ID Number)
Parcel Size (if more than one parcel, label "A" - "Z"): 48 acres
C.,,,
Please attach location map Yes No
What is the existing use of the site? <u>Insulation</u> Commercial business
all truck maintenance done on sight
What is the proposed use of the site? Carrent use alogns better with light
rudustical due to fise of larger trucks
What are the surrounding uses (e.g.: agriculture, single-family residential, highway commercial, etc.)?
North: Industrial City of Jackson south: Single-family residential
East: Single tamily residential west: Commercial fuels (Summit)
What are the surrounding Zoning Districts?
North: () Industrial south: (B-1) Neighborhood Residential
East: (B1) Neighhorhood Business West: (1) Commercial 3
What is the suggested use of the site on the Township's Land Use Plan map? Light Industrial
Is municipal water currently available? 🗌 Yes 📗 No Will it be made available? 🔲 Yes 📄 No If yes, when?
Is municipal sewer currently available? 🔲 Yes 🔲 No 😾 🖺 it be made available? 🔲 Yes 🔲 No If yes, when?
Does the site have access to a public street or road?
Are there any known environmental constraints on the site?
Wetland(s) Floodplain(s) Brownfield(s) Soil(s) Other (please specify)
Please attach the minutes of the Planning Commission.
Yes, the minutes are attached. No, the minutes are not attached.
Please attach copies of any reports, exhibits or other documented provided to the Planning Commission.
Yes, copies of documentation are attached. No, copies of documentation are not attached.
Please attach any public comments, letters, or petitions.
Yes, public comments are attached.  No, public comments are not attached.

Please include any additional information or comments as an attachment.

#### Leoni Township Planning Commission

#### Meeting of January 20, 2021

#### **DRAFT Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by Acting Chair Vern Beckwith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present:

Vern Beckwith
Judy Southworth
Ron Kinch
Bill Lester
Connie Gibson
Doug Perrine
Bill Miles arrived at 6:05 P.M.

Moved Southworth, seconded Beckwith to approve the agenda as stated but adding "Approval of minutes for Dec. 16, 2020" as an action item prior to new business. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Approval of Minutes of Dec. 16, 2020 meeting: moved Kinch, seconded Southworth to approve the minutes of the Dec. 16, 2020 meeting but striking the motion of Ben Carroll concerning the communication to the County Board of Commissioners concerning an appointment to the County Planning Commission for the reason that the proposed communication was never submitted to the Clerk for inclusion in the minutes. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The purpose of the Planning Commission was read by the Acting Chair.

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

No old business was scheduled.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Moved Kinch, seconded Southworth to approve the site plan for True North Collective, parcel # 000-14-07-451-002-01. Approved unanimously by roll call vote with Gibson, Perrine and Miles abstaining.
- Moved Kinch, seconded Southworth to recommend approval of the rezone of 000-14-07-351-001-01 (Spink Properties LLC) from B-1 to ML. Approved unanimously by roll call vote with Gibson, Perrine and Miles abstaining.
- 3. Moved Kinch, seconded Beckwith to approve the site plan as presented by Jack Shelby for parcel 000-09-31-226-006-01 (Choice Auto Sales of Jackson). Approved unanimously by roll call vote with Gibson, Perrine and Miles abstaining.

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

The Acting Chair welcomed the new members of the Commission.

The Commission engaged in Commission comment.

## Leoni Township Office

913 Fifth Street Michigan Center, Michigan 49254 PHONE: (517) 764-4694 FAX: (517) 764-1106 www.leonitownship.com

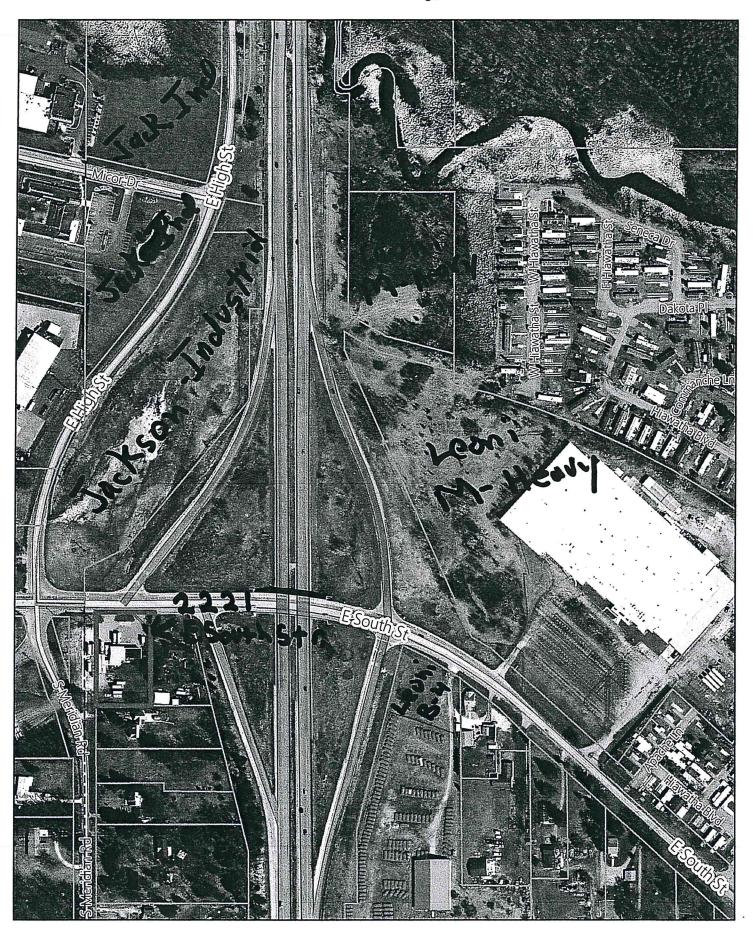
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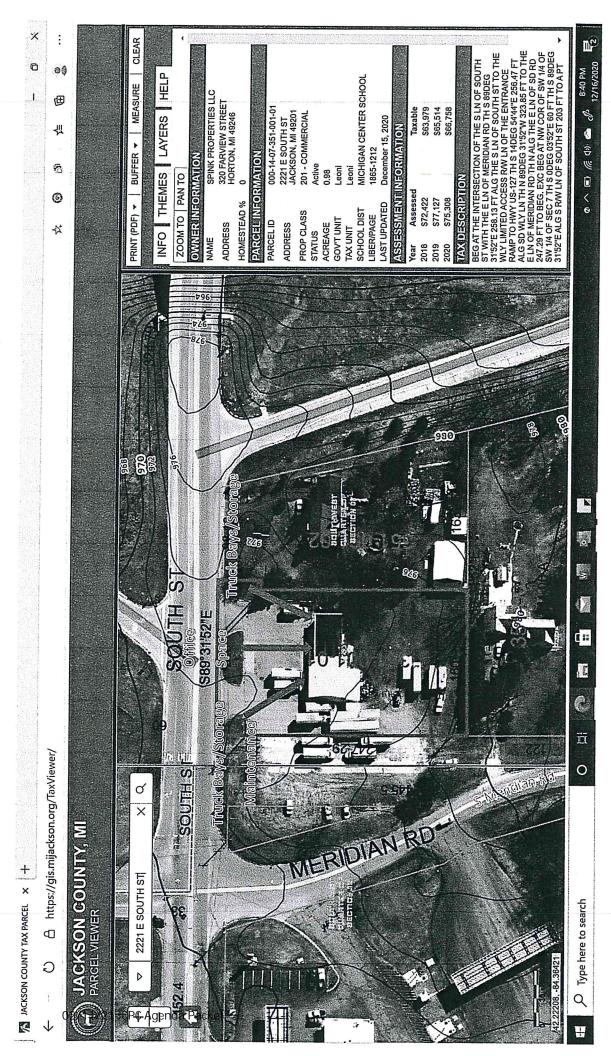
### APPLICATION FOR ZONING CHANGE or CONDITIONAL USE

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION, LEGI (We) Hereby make application with ( ) Add to or change the text of the ( ) Change the district boundaries ( ☑ ) Re-Zone the property to anoth ( ) Conditional Use. ( ) Home Occupation. ( ) Extending Residential Non-Co	n the Township of Leoni to: ne Ordinance. s. er classification.		
<u></u>			
1. Applicants Name: Spink Propertie		Phone: <u>51</u>	
2. Address of Property Involved: 222		Applicant Address: 320 Farvio	ew ST, Horton MI 49246
3. Legal Description of Property: 000-14		1 - CT Lenie	
<ul><li>4. The above property is presently zone</li><li>5. I wish the zoning to be changed from:</li></ul>	T 2(Business Community Distr	ticty B-\ to: ML(Light	+ Tendustrial)
6. I wish the boundaries to be changed fi	rom:	to:	= now = i loc/
7. I wish the change in the text from sect	tion:		
8. The proposed use(s) and nature(s) of	operation is/are: an insulation co	ompany. (All truck main	tenance is done on 8
Structures, the type thereof and their uses  I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IT  I GRANT PERMISSION FOR MEMEE BOARD TO ENTER THE ABOVE PROTHIS APPLICATION. (NOTE TO APPLICATION OR WILL BE FORFEITED.  SEE:\$550.00	NFORMATION IS TRUE AND BERS OF THE LEONI TOWNS OPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE LICANT: This will not affect any	ID THAT I AM THE OWNER SHIP PLANNING COMMISSION OF GATHERING INFORMA OF decision on your application.)	ON AND/OR TOWNSHIP TION RELATED TO
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PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMM  ( ) Approve ( ) Disapprove the Applic			mend the Township Board
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FOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES:			
application for the following reasons:		, 10100 J ( ) 11110 V D (	,
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## **Building and Land Use Description**

- -There is one building on the property
- -On the West end of the building there are two truck bays. This is where all the truck maintenance is done. In the back end there is a storage area.
- -In the middle of the building there is office space. There is a separate entrance for this.
- -On the East side of the building there are two more truck bays. No maintenance is done here. It also has some storage space.
- -Several trucks are parked on the property.
- -There is a semi-truck trailer parked on the property. This is where the trucks are loaded every morning before driving to the job site.





### TOWNSHIP OF LEONI

Receipt: 161738

12/16/20

913 5TH STREET

P.O. BOX 375

MICHIGAN CENTER, MI 49254

Cashier: SHELLY

Received Of: SPINK BROCK

(517) 764-4694 (517) 764-1106 FAX

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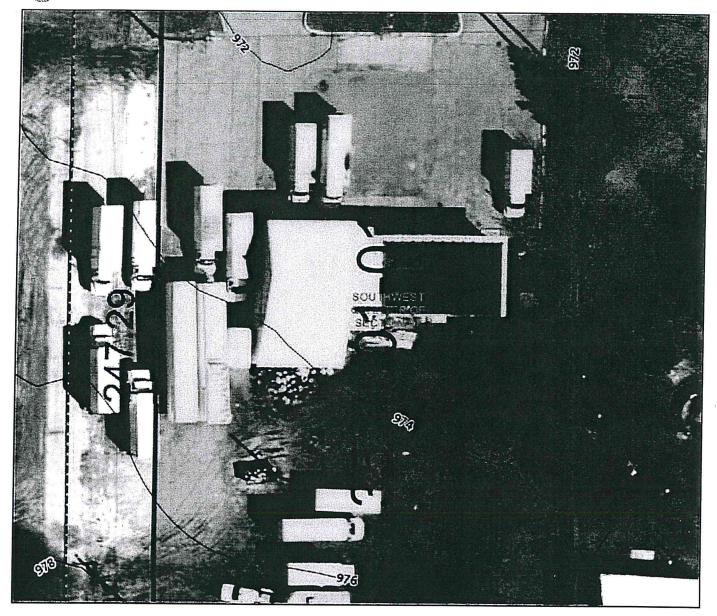
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Signed:



**Owner Name** SPINK PROPERTIES LLC **Owner Address** 320 FARVIEW STREET HORTON, MI 49246

Homestead

**Parcel Address** 2221 E SOUTH ST JACKSON, MI 49201

**Property Class** 201 - COMMERCIAL

**Status** Active 0.98 Acreage **Gov't Unit** Leoni **Tax Unit** Leoni

**School District** MICHIGAN CENTER SCHOOL

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2018 2019 2020 **Taxable Value** \$63,979 \$65,514 \$66,758 **Assessed Value** \$72,422 \$77,127 \$75,308

#### **Tax Description:**

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WARNING: Displayed boundaries are NOT SURVEY GRADE and may not reflect legal property description. The intent of this map is to allow easy access and visual display of government information and services. Every reasonable effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this map and data; nevertheless, errors may occur.



## TOWNSHIP OF LEONI

Receipt: 161884

12/17/20

913 5TH STREET P.O. BOX 375 MICHIGAN CENTER, MI 49254

Cashier: TPOTTER

Received Of: BROCK SPINK

(517) 764-4694 (517) 764-1106 FAX

The sum of:

550.00

ZON	2221 E SOUTH ST REZONE APP		550.00
		Total	550.00

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Signed:

### LEONI TOWNSHIP OFFICE 913 FIFTH ST MICHIGAN CENTER MI 49254 517-764-4694 PHONE 517-764-1106 FAX

## **NOTICE**

The Leoni Township Planning Commission will hold a ZOOM Public Hearing, Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254.

"This meeting is being held by ZOOM because of the COVID-19 State of Emergency and in conformance with Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Michigan."

Please visit the Leoni Township website at <a href="http://www.leonitownship.com">http://www.leonitownship.com</a> prior to the meeting for instructions regarding remote access and any updates that may be needed due to COVID-19 requirements.

000-14-07-351-001-01 Spink Properties LLC 2221 E. South St., Jackson, MI 49201

Purpose of hearing: Rezone from B-1 to ML

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### **Jackson County Planning Commission**

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#### **COORDINATED ZONING REPORT | #21-04**

To: County Planning Commissioners

From: Grant E. Bauman Date: February 3, 2021

Proposal: Indoor and outdoor sport shooting ranges in Sandstone Township

#### **Background Information**

Sandstone Township proposes to add standards for sport shooting ranges (i.e. firearms and archery, indoor and outdoor) to its Zoning Ordinance

#### **Staff Analysis and Advisement**

The proposed amendments:

- Section 2.1 add various sport shooting range definitions.
- Section 4.1.2 Add indoor and outdoor sport shooting ranges as a conditional land use in the agricultural (AG-1) district.
- Section 7.11 Add various standards/regulations pertaining to sport shooting ranges.

Staff has no issue with the development of standards for sport shooting ranges. According, this report displays the proposed addition of the proposed subsections, as they will (generally) appear in the Zoning Ordinance (if adopted), and provides comments/suggestions aimed at strengthening the regulations:

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[Add the following to Section 4.1.2 – Conditional Land Uses]

V) Indoor and Outdoor sport shooting ranges subject to the provisions of Section 7.11.26.

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**Commented [GB21]:** Comments will be provided in this fashion.

#### **MODIFY SECTION 7: CONDITIONAL LAND USE PROVISIONS**

[Add the following to Section 7.11 – Additional Development Requirements for Certain Uses]

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#### (10) Also apply the standards included in Section 7.11.26C.

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Commented [GB23]: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) should be spelled out.

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**Commented [GB29]:** Consider standardizing this requirement with Subsection D(11).

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Commented [GB213]: Do these standards apply to 'Firearms Range – Enclosed within a building' (Subsection A) and Firearms Range – Outdoor' (Subsection B)? If so, consider appending the need to adhere to all of the standards in Subsection C to the end of Subsections A and B (see above).

Should this be titled 'General Standards for all Firearms Ranges' given that the definition or 'Sport Shooting Range' incudes archery as well as firearms?

**Commented [GB214]:** 60 dBA = normal conversation, background music. 70 dBA = office noise, inside car at 60 mph.

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  - d. Administrative Rules and Regulations
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    - iii. Who will enforce rules and penalties?
    - iv. What type of targets will be used?
    - v. Hours of operation?
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    - vii. What shooting activities are allowed and not allowed?
    - viii. Alcohol and controlled substances shall not be permitted at the facility.
    - ix. What age restrictions will be utilized for the facility or what safety procedures will be in place for minors?
    - x. How will firearms be transported into the facility?
    - xi. What procedures will be utilized to protect patrons and employees from health hazards such as lead contamination that includes but is not limited to, lead contamination monitoring, disposal methods, etc. to ensure a

safe environment?

- xii. Will food be served on site?
- e. The facility must be under its ownership's supervision and control while open and in use.
- f. No sport shooting range shall create a nuisance that interferes with others' rights to safety and enjoyment of their own property.
- g. The Sandstone Charter Township Police Authority or his designee shall be made available a minimum of two times a year at a time of their choosing to perform an inspection of the facility to make sure the firearm range safety plan is being followed and that the facility is safe for use.
- D. Outdoor Archery Ranges are permitted under the following conditions:
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  - (2) Specific land area requirements:
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  - (8) Restrooms shall be provided within enclosed buildings.
  - (9) Berms shall be placed downrange from the target area along with dense evergreen plantings near the property line.
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**Commented [GB215]:** Subsections A(7), B(6), and B(8) cite the 'Police Department'. The citations should be standardized.

**Commented [GB216]:** There is no requirement for restrooms associated with indoor and outdoor firearms ranges. What is the reasoning for this difference?

an ancillary use to the outdoor facilities.

- (11) Fencing and gates shall be provided around the shooting range facility to maintain a level of security at the range with a minimum height of six feet tall to prevent unauthorized access. Signage must be maintained and be posted at a minimum of 200-foot intervals by durable, weatherproof signs not less than two square feet in size with a minimum of two-inch lettering, containing the following in large print: DANGER SHOOTING RANGE
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  Use Permit.
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Based upon this analysis, staff advises the Jackson County Planning Commission to recommend *APPROVAL WITH COM-MENTS* of the zoning ordinance amendments regarding indoor and outdoor sport shooting ranges to the Sandstone Township Board with the comments/suggestions made by staff (see the staff report).

#### Staff Report Attachments:

Background information provided by Sandstone Township.

#### **Suggested Actions:**

- (1) Recommend APPROVAL
- (2) Recommend DISAPPROVAL
- (3) Recommend APPROVAL WITH COMMENTS
- (4) Take **NO ACTION**

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#### **ZONING AMENDMENT FORM**



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Please submit the Planning Commission meeting minutes and any reports/exhibits the Commission used to makes its recommendation with this form. Use a separate form for each proposed zoning change. Please include a legal description/survey with rezoning requests in addition to the Parcel ID Number.

A copy of this form with the JCPC recommendation will be mailed back to the Clerk, who will return a copy to the JCPC with the Township Board Action.

	ISWER EITHER A or B) DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE (REZONING):
	(Provide the legal and popular property descriptions, the Parcel ID Number(s), the number of acres, and the section(s) in which the property is located. Attach additional sheets if more space is needed. Attach a map showing all changes and additions.)
	1. The above described property has a proposed zoning change FROM
В.	ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT:
υ.	The following Article(s) and Section(s) is amended or altered: ARTICLE 2, 4 & 7 SECTION 2.1, 4.1.2 & 7.11.26  The NEW SECTION reads as follows: (Attach additional sheets if more space is needed.)  See Attached
C. D.	PUBLIC HEARING on the above amendment was held on: monthJanuary day _5 year2021  NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING was published/mailed on the following date: monthDecember day _22 year _2020  (Notice must be provided at least fifteen days prior to the public hearing.)
E.	THE NEWSPAPER (having general circulation in Township) carrying the NOTICE:
JΑ	CKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (JCPC) ACTION:
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- (11) Fencing and gates shall be provided around the shooting range facility to maintain a level of security at the range with a minimum height of six feet tall to prevent unauthorized access. Signage must be maintained and be posted at a minimum of 200-foot intervals by durable, weatherproof signs not less than two square feet in size with a minimum of two-inch lettering, containing the following in large print: DANGER SHOOTING RANGE
- E. Any violation of section 7.11.26 shall be cause for revocation of the Special Use Permit.

F. The proposed facility and any alternate designs shall be in compliance with "Range Design Criteria" as published by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Health, Safety and Security or criteria established by any of the following; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), and National Rifle Association (NRA) Range Source Book (current edition), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm and Explosives (ATF) registration requirements, local health department, and building code requirements and the generally accepted operation practices adopted by the Commission of Natural Resources will be considered by the Planning Commission. The Applicant will need to provide documentation from a design professional of the suitability of any design.

# Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Sandstone Charter Township January 5, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Planning Commission Chairperson Crisenbery at 6:02 pm January 5, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom

Roll Call was called and the following members of the Planning Commission were in attendance: Bill Donahue, Blaine Goodrich, Chris Crisenbery, Greg Inosencio, Nicole Cantrell. Chris Atkins from Carlisle Wortman, Keith Acker, Supervisor and Bryan Powers, Zoning Administrator was also in attendance.

A motion to approve the January 5, 2012 Agenda was made by Inosencio and supported by Goodrich: Motion passed

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting was made by Inosencio and supported by Goodrich: Motion passed

Chairperson Crisenbery opened up Public Comments, Concerns, & Input from Citizens: Dale Ebersole of 4199 N. Dearing Road introduced himself and briefly talked about the Gun Range Ordinance that was on the agenda for the Public Hearing. He was informed that additional public input would be held during the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Goodrich to move into the Public Hearing and supported by Inosencio: Motion Passed

Chairperson Crisenbery discussed minor changes that were made to the proposed Ordinance based on discussions with Carlisle Wortman and the Township Supervisor. Those changes were clarifications of sections and consolidation of duplicate sections and no technical content of any substance had been made.

Dale Ebersole, concerned citizen asked questions regarding the required acreage and noise and how that was addressed in the proposed ordinance. Chairperson Crisenbery and Consultant Atkins addressed those questions and Mr. Ebersole was satisfied that they were adequately addressed.

Hearing no additional questions, the public comment period was closed, and questions and comments were then taken from the Planning Commission members.

Donahue asked about the section that discussed shooting would be to the North. Chairperson Crisenbery stated that as numerous design documents had this design feature in place due to potential conflicts with the rising and setting of the sun.

Cantell asked about violations during operations of a facility. Chairperson Crisenbery stated that the Zoning Administrator handles violations and that he has the right to suspend operations and that the Township Board would be able to also review issues during a facilities annual renewal.

General discussion amongst the P.C. in regards to Section F of the proposed Ordinance was heard. Section F requires a person with design experience to propose an alternate design for review by the P.C. in the event a property does not meet the stated design standards.

Donahue questioned what was considered a commercial site and if there would be issues if someone said their shooting range was for their personnel use. The consensus was that if money or other forms of compensation was exchanged for the use of a facility that would immediately establish it as a commercial property. The Zoning Administrator would also have the ability to represent the property of the facility to help determine the nature of the facility.#38

Atkins stated that a litmus test to determine if financial compensation may need to be developed to help establish the nature of the facility.

The Township Supervisor also stated that there are current Ordinances that discussed noise and disturbance to surrounding properties that would be utilized at a facility that was deemed for personal use.

Atkins discussed that the Township Board would need to establish the annual renewal but would have at a minimum costs for the review by the Zoning Administrator, Township Police Authority and Township Board.

Goodrich stated that the P.C. has been working on this Ordinance a very long time and was happy to see that the P.C. had moved it to this point.

As no other comments were heard a motion to approve the Gun Range Ordinance was made by Goodrich and supported by Inosencio.

A brief discussion regarding if the Ordinance specifically addressed that it was for "Commercial" gun ranges and was addressed by Chairperson Crisenbery by indicating that this was addressed in the definition section of the proposed Ordinance.

A roll call vote was taken: Donahue – Yes, Inosencio – Yes, Crisenbery – Yes, Catrell – Yes, Goodrich – Yes: Motion Passed

A motion to resume the January 5, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting was made by Inosencio and supported by Goodrich: Motion passed

No Old Business was heard

**New Business** 

The 2 new members of the P.C. were asked to introduce themselves and that was then followed by a quick introduction of the existing P.C. members.

A motion to establish the 2021 Planning Commission Meeting dates was made by Donahue and supported by Cantrell: Motion passed

Dates are as follows: January 5<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Election of officers for 2021 was discussed with Cantrell accepting the nomination for Secretary and Crisenbery to remain as Chairperson.

A motion to have Cantrell be the Secretary was made by Goodrich and supported by Donahue: Motion passed

A motion to have crisenbery be the Chairperson was made by Goodrich and supported by Cantell: Motion passed

A brief discussion was held regarding future work the P.C. could be looking at for 2021, which included a review of the Sign Ordinance, Future Land Use Plan and possibly the Private Road Ordinance

Chairperson Crisenbery moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Inosencio supported the motion: Motion passed.

02/11/21 JCPC Agenda Packet

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SANDSTONE

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of Township Planning Commission Meeting: The township will host an electronic board meeting from the board room due to the Corvid-19 virus on: JANUARY 5, 2020 starting at 6:00 PM.

Everyone is required to attend the meeting via electronic means. Either the Zoom video conference or by calling into the telephone conference line. The process to join the "ZOOM" meeting is:

- 1. You need to download the Zoom app in advance of the meeting.
- 2. Send an email to <a href="lkacker1@gmail.com">lkacker1@gmail.com</a> requesting to get an email invite to join the meeting. This email invite will have a link to allow you to join the meeting. Invites will be sent 15 minutes before the 6:00 PM meeting time.
- 3. The invite will also list Telephone numbers that can be used to join the audio only part of the zoom conference.
- 4. For assistance on loading the Zoom app on your computer or problems receiving an email invitation to join the meeting please call Keith Acker at 517-812-9441.

#### Agenda items:

- 1. Section 2.1 Definitions Add Sport Shooting Range, Target Archery, and Field Archery.
- 2. Section 4.1.2 Conditional Land Uses Add "Indoor and Outdoor sport shooting ranges".
- 3. Article 7 Add Section 7.11.26 Gun Clubs, Firing and Archery Ranges.

A full text of the ordinance amendments may be examined at the Sandstone Township Offices, by interested persons, during office hours, weekdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any person having interest in said public hearing or their duly appointed representatives shall there and then be heard at the above described meetings or adjournment thereof relative to any matters that should come before the Planning Commission.

Sandstone Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon ten (10) day notice to Sandstone Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Sandstone Township by writing or calling the Sandstone Township Clerk at 517-784-4712.

Written comments regarding the zoning amendments should be directed to the Sandstone Township Clerk at the Township Hall, located at 7940 County Farm Road, Parma, Michigan, 49269.

Kimberly M. Britten, Clerk Sandstone Township

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## **Jackson County Planning Commission**

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#### **2020 JCPC Annual Report**

Section 19(2) of the *Michigan Planning Enabling Act* (PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3819(2)) states that "[a] planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development. Section 103(B) of the *Jackson County Planning Commission Bylaws* also includes the preparation of an annual report to the County Board as a duty of the Commission. Accordingly, the report for 2020 follows:

#### 1. 2019 JCPC Membership & Officers

The Jackson County Planning Commission (JCPC) is comprised of nine (9) members. The following commissioners served in 2020:

- Mr. Eric Beda Industrial and Economic Interests (May December)
- Mr. Timothy Burns At Large
- Mr. Roger Gaede Environmental Interests
- Ms. Amy Guerriero Industrial and Economic Interests (January April)
- Ms. Nancy Hawley At Large
- Mr. Ted Hilleary Educational Interests
- Mr. Russ Jennings At Large
- Mr. Corey Kennedy County Board of Commissioners
- Ms. Jennifer Morris At Large
- Mr. Jim Videto Agricultural Interests

Ms. Morris and Ms. Hawley served as the Chair and Secretary of the JCPC, respectively.

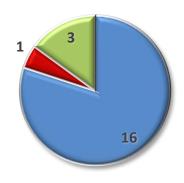
#### 2. Immediate Responsibilities

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jackson County Planning Commission accomplished a lot during 2020, including the following responsibilities:

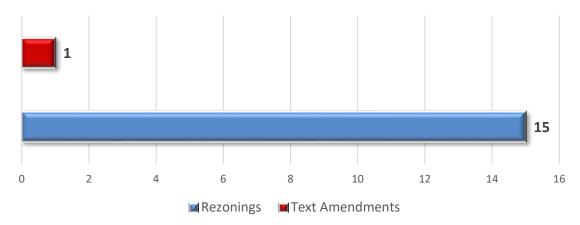
#### a. Coordinated Zoning

A primary responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review and recommend action on proposed amendments to township zoning ordinances.

The JCPC made sixteen (16) recommendations regarding zoning amendments for seven (7) townships in 2020.







A single text amendment —pertaining to mining and extractive operations— accounted for 6% of zoning ordinance amendment requests. Rezonings accounted for 94% of requests.

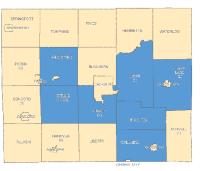
#### b. Coordinated Planning

Another primary responsibility of the Commission is to review and provide feedback on municipal (i.e., city, village and township) master plans proposed within Jackson County as well as master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The JCPC reviewed and commented upon one (1) proposed municipal master plan in 2020.

#### c. Farmland and Open Space Preservation

A secondary responsibility of the Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (i.e., PA 116) applications to pertinent Township Boards. The JCPC made recommendations on three (3) applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space in 2020.

#### **Zoning Amendments**



#### **Master Plans**



#### **Farmland Agreements**

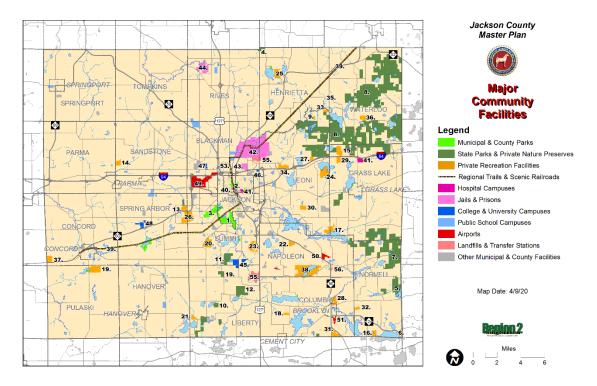


#### 3. Ultimate Goal and Objectives

In the long-term, the JCPC seeks to coordinate planning throughout Jackson County while respecting the planning and zoning authority of municipal governments (i.e., the city, villages, and townships). This will be accomplished over time by:

#### a. County Master Plan

The Commission is also charged with developing a countywide master plan upon which it will base (in part) its recommendations regarding municipal master plans, township zoning amendments (i.e., rezonings and text amendments), and farmland and open space preservation applications. Towards that end, Commissioners continued work on a new edition of the *Jackson County Master Plan* in 2020. Comprehensive inventories of the components that comprise the county (e.g., land use and natural resources, community facilities and services, etc.) were completed.



- b. **Education and Advocacy.** The Commission will continue to maintain a webpage—located on <a href="www.region2planning.com/jackson-county-planning-commission">www.region2planning.com/jackson-county-planning-commission</a>—regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve. Agenda packets (which include staff reports on the requests reviewed by the JCPC), meeting schedules and minutes, and more can be found on the webpage.
- 4. **Meetings.** The County Planning Commission generally meets on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers on the 5th Floor of the County Tower Building. However, some of those meetings were cancelled and others were conducted online in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Submitted on the behalf of the Jackson County Planning Commission Grant Bauman | JCPC Staff and Recording Secretary | 2-1-21