



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2021

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Members Present: Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics (virtually from Jackson); Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large (virtually from Leoni); Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large (virtually from Henrietta); Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education (virtually from Blackman); Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large (virtually from Leoni); and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture (virtually from Grayling)

Members Absent: Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; and Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Liaisons Present: Mr. Grant Bauman, Principal Planner

Others Present: N/A

- Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair 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.
- Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Gallagher made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to **approve** the January 14, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*
- Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Jennings, to **approve** the February 11, 2021, 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 | #21-03 | Leoni Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property located on South Street and known as Parcel ID #000-14-07-351-001-01, to 'light industrial (ML)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval** of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Commissioners Videto and Gallagher asked if the answer to question #3 under Staff Analysis on page #6 of the agenda packet should be 'No'. Staff confirmed the need to make that change on the staff report. Comm. Beda made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gallagher, to concur (with correction) of the staff advisement to recommend

approval of the proposed 'ML' rezoning to the Leoni Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #21-04 | Sandstone Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding proposed text amendments that would regulate indoor and outdoor sport shooting ranges as a conditional use in the Agricultural Residential (AG-1) district. Staff mentioned that the various comments/suggestions contained in his report are aimed at strengthening the regulations in terms of consistency and understanding. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the text amendments (please see the staff report).

Comm. Gallagher suggested that security cameras could be installed to aid in the management of facilities. Comm. Gallagher also had questions about Subsection C(4)c; Comm. Hawley explained that an applicant must submit details about the shooting range. Commissioners Videto and Gallagher both noted that lead recovery should be considered (i.e. lead contamination from bullets could leak into groundwater); they also asked if permits from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE) are needed. Comm. Hilleary asked how the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) would get involved. Comm. Beda said that the particulars regarding lead should be addressed prior to voting. Comm. Gallagher asked about oversight. Staff referred her to Subsection A(7) regarding annual licensing. Comm. Videto stated that the JCPC is not a regulatory agency; Commissioners Hawley and Gallagher agreed. Com. Beda stated that the Township should go through the proper channels/due diligence before moving forward.

Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gallagher, 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 Sandstone Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion by majority vote, with Comm. Beda 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.**

2020 JCPC Annual Report. Staff provided a brief overview of the annual report., noting the need to change the year in item #1 to 2020. He requested that commissioners approve it so that it can be forwarded to the County Board as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. Comm. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Comm. Beda, to approve the 2020 JCPC Annual Report. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Hilleary asked about municipal involvement in nonmotorized planning. Staff explained that participation was encouraged during the development of the recent *Jackson City + County Nonmotorized Plan* and that municipalities were asked to adopt the plan as their local plan. Comm. Hawley alerted commissioners to the annual tree sale through the Jackson Conservation District.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary