



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2021

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

Members Present: Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics; Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture

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: None

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. 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.** Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the June 10, 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 July 8, 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 | #21-15 | Leoni Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property located at 4946 Page Avenue and known as Parcel ID #000-14-04-451-009-00, to 'light industrial (ML)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **disapproval** of the rezoning (please see the staff report). Also discussed was the recent 'ML' rezoning request at the corner of Sixth Street and Page Avenue; the Leoni Township Planning Commission and the JCPC both voted to recommend disapproval of that rezoning request.

Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **disapproval** of the proposed 'ML' rezoning to the Leoni Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #21-16 | Pulaski Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding proposed text amendments that would

amend the listings of permitted uses in the 'Agricultural (AG-1)', 'Local Commercial (C-1)', and 'Light Industrial (I-1)' districts to allow for 'recreational marihuana facilities' (in addition to 'medical marihuana facilities') in general and 'Commercial Recreational Marihuana Adult-Use Retail Centers' specifically in the 'C-1' and 'I-1' districts. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the text amendments, noting the need for definitions regarding the new facilities (please see the staff report). Comm. Videto voiced concern about adding the new uses in the various districts without defining them. Comm. Hawley suggested referencing the state definitions.

Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gallagher, to recommend **disapproval** of the proposed text amendments to the Pulaski Township Board, noting the need to define recreational marihuana and commercial recreational marihuana adult-use retail centers. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(3) **CZ | #21-16 | Summit Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of two Weatherwax Drive properties known as Parcel ID #000-13-17-287-060-00 and #000-13-17-287-057-06, to 'general commercial (C-2)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval** of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Comm. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval** of the proposed 'C-2' rezonings to the Summit Township Board (see the staff report). *Commissioners approved the motion 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.
Staff reviewed the first draft of the Future Land Use map with the County Planning Commissioners. Commissioners agreed with the designation of the developed areas of Jackson County. However, Commissioners requested that the 'Developed Areas' designation be renamed 'Urban Developed Areas' and that the 'Agricultural Preservation' designation be renamed 'Rural Developed Areas'.
 - b. **New Business.** None.
- Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.
- Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Comm. Jennings requests a change in the date and/or time of the JCPC meeting and requests that it be placed on the agenda for next month under new business.
- Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary