



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2022

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

Members Present: Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture

Members Absent: Mr. Eric Beda, Industry and Economics; Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; and Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large

Liaisons Present: Mr. Grant Bauman, Principal Planner, and Mr. Stephen Bezold, Associate Planner

Others Present: Mr. Anton Schauerte

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to *approve* the May 12, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to *approve* the June 9, 2022, 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 | #22-09 | Grass Lake Charter Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed rezoning of a property (ID #000-10-13-401-001-01) located on Clear Lake Road, just north of I-94's Exit 153, to 'Highway Commercial (HC)'. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend *approval* of the rezoning (please see the staff report).

Comm. Gaede voiced his concern regarding the presence of a stream and ponds on the property. He suggested that the site plan review for the property should identify the presence of wetlands (conducted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)). Chair Hawley concurred.

Comm. Burns made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to recommend **approval with comments** of the proposed 'HC' rezoning to the Grass Lake Charter Township Board. *The motion was approved 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** – None.
- b. **New Business** – None.

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.**

Comm. Hilleary reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will clean up the contaminated Michner Plating property located on Mechanic Street, just north of Downtown Jackson.

Chair Hawley reported on the seminar she attended in May regarding the regulation of solar farms. She can provide a link to the presentation to anyone that is interested. Comm. Gaede voiced his concern that the shade generated by solar panels diminishes the carbon sequestration produced by the vegetation growing beneath them. Comm. Videto voiced his concern regarding the disposal of solar panels.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Grant Bauman, Recording Secretary