



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES - CORRECTED

February 9, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Chambers • Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

**Members Present:** Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners; and Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture; Mr. Jim Minnick.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Russ Jennings, At Large; Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large.

**Liaisons Present:** Mr. Doug Terry, R2PC

**Others Present:** None

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. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to **approve** the December 8, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Minnick, to **approve** the amended February 9, 2023, 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 | #23-01 | Napoleon Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding proposed application to approve the request. Chairperson Hawley felt that drainage and elevation of the property should be carefully reviewed prior to any formal approval. Comm. Kennedy stated that drainage of the property be needs to be aggressively reviewed. A motion to **disapprove** pending formal review of drainage and topography was made by Comm. Hilleary and seconded by Comm. Gallagher. Motion passed five (5) to one (1) with Comm. Kennedy voting no with comments.

b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.

c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).**

(1) **FA | #22-02 | Pulaski Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed PA 116 application for a 120.5 acre farm known as Parcel ID #000-04-28-251-001-04. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the application (please see the staff report).

Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval with comments** of the PA 116 application to the Pulaski Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **FA | #23-01 | Concord Township**

Staff summarized his report regarding the proposed PA 116 application for a 120.5-acre farm known as Parcel ID #000-11-32-126-001-00. Staff advised County Planning Commissioners to recommend **approval with comments** of the application (please see the staff report).

Comm. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Comm. Gallagher, to concur with the staff advisement to recommend **approval** of the PA 116 application to the Concord Township Board. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

Item 6. **Other Business.**

a. **Unfinished Business** – *None.*

b. **New Business** –

i. **2023 Jackson Planning Commission Officers**

A motion was made by Comm. Kennedy and seconded Comm. Gallagher to retain Commissioner Hawley as Chairperson. Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.

A motion was made by Comm. Kennedy and seconded Comm. Gallagher to retain Commissioner Kennedy as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.

Comm. Hawley announced that Rives Township has sent a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan Amendment.

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.**

Comm. Hawley informed the PC that the Conservation District was conducting its annual tree sale and Michigan State University was conducting its Citizen Planner educational series for interested citizens and local public officials to learn more about the legal and procedural process of local planning and zoning.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Doug Terry

