



Jackson County Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2023

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

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

Members Absent: Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Mr. Jim Minnick, Jr.; Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture.

Staff Present: Mr. Zack Smith, R2PC.

Others Present:

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 July 13, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Kennedy, to **approve** the August 10, 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 | #23-11 | Leoni Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a proposed rezoning of 8801 E. Michigan Avenue in Leoni Township to Commercial Highway (B-5) from Commercial (B-1). Staff recommended approval of the rezoning application. Comm. Kennedy made a motion to **approve** the rezoning, seconded by Comm. Hilleary. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #23-12 | Summit Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a proposed rezoning of 2500 Robinson Road in Summit Township to General Commercial (C-2) from Office (O-1). Staff recommended disapproval of the rezoning application.

Discussion: Comm. Kennedy said that he didn't think the residents would appreciate the traffic and nuisance that a Dollar Tree Super Store would bring in. The property is more suited to the creation of things like insurance offices, which are in the area.

Cheryl Conrad and Thom LeGarie, who live in the area, said that they have seen the plans, and the main entrance is right across the street from their driveway. They thought that Spring Arbor would be the space for the flow of commercial traffic, not Robinson Rd. They are worried about traffic and who would come in to the area, as it is in a residential neighborhood. They point out that this section of Spring Arbor Rd is offices and homes, not commercial real estate. They are also worried that it would undermine local businesses.

Comm. Kennedy made a motion to **disapprove** the rezoning, seconded by Comm. Gallagher. *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.** None.
- b. **New Business.** None.
- c. **Notices.** Harmony Fierke-Gmazel from Michigan State University Extension gave a presentation encouraging members to participate in the Jackson County 2023 Citizen Planner Program.

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

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** None

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Zack Smith, R2PC