



JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION:	Commission Chambers <i>Fifth Floor, Jackson County Tower Building</i>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	N. Hawley (<i>At-Large</i>), C. Kennedy (<i>Jackson County Commissioner Representative</i>), K. Cole (<i>At-Large</i>), M. Wolcott (<i>Environmental Representative</i>), J. Minnick (<i>Industrial & Economic Representative</i>), J. Biddinger (<i>At-Large</i>), T. Hilleary (<i>Educational Representative</i>), and P. Gallagher (<i>At-Large</i>)
MEMBERS ABSENT:	J. Videto (<i>Agriculture Representative</i>)
STAFF:	Alissa Starling, <i>Recording Secretary</i>
OTHERS PRESENT:	None listed on sign-in sheet, however, one member of the public came to observe.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairperson Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
- III. **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
June 13th, 2024
Commissioner Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walcott, to **approve** the June 13th, 2024, regular meeting agenda. **MOTION UNANIMOUS.**
- IV. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
July 11th, 2024
Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to **approve** the agenda for July 11th, 2024 seconded by Commissioner Cole. **MOTION UNANIMOUS.**

V. **PETITIONS FOR REVIEW**

A. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**

1. **CZ24-19 Petition for Rezoning** **Columbia Charter Township**

Columbia Charter Township submitted a petition to rezone a 2.2-acre parcel located at 10405 Brooklyn Road from Agricultural (AG) to General Commercial (C-2). The property, which currently has a vacant 13,000-square-foot building and paved parking area, was previously used as an automobile dealership but has been unused for over two years. The proposed rezoning aims to facilitate its development for commercial purposes, although no specific use has been stated in the application.

Staff recommended approval with comments, as per the conditions outlined in the Region 2 staff report (included in the meeting packet). These conditions aim to ensure that any future commercial use of the site does not further

contaminate the property and include prevention and mitigation measures for any unexpected occurrences, such as the submission of an environmental protection plan and adherence to EGLE guidelines.

Commissioners discussed the petition, potential future uses of the site, and possible contamination measures that could be implemented. Commissioner Minnick added that he had reached out to the applicant prior to the meeting, and the property owner was very amenable and forthcoming about his intentions to sell the property, his awareness of the contamination on site, and the restrictive covenant.

Vice Chairperson Kennedy made a motion to **approve with comment**, the proposed rezoning petition from Columbia Charter Township, seconded by Commissioner Cole. **MOTION UNANIMOUS**

B. MASTER PLAN(S)

None.

C. FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION (PA 116)

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

None.

C. NOTICES

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

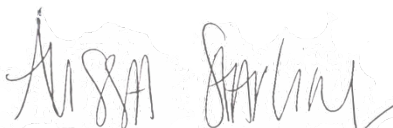
VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioners discussed both upcoming and completed projects in the Jackson County area, including an update on the sewer agreement with Leoni. Commissioner Hilleary expressed appreciation for the comprehensive information provided by staff, highlighting the inclusion of the RIDE Mapper information. RIDE Mapper is a mapping service offered by the State of Michigan that identifies contaminated sites within communities. This tool aids in planning remediation efforts and assessing future exposure risks to individuals and uncontaminated areas. The RIDE Mapper can be accessed via the following link: [RIDE Mapper](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/caac24695429449bbf6cc6d89c111d3b) or by copying the URL into a browser: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/caac24695429449bbf6cc6d89c111d3b>.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Kennedy made a motion, followed by Commissioner Minnick to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully,



Jackson County Planning Commission
Recording Secretary