

Minutes of
Plainfield Township Planning Commission

Regular meeting

February 12, 2020

1. Called to order by Chair Ready at 7:00p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance was said by all present.
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Present: Toth, Johnson, Olmstead, Houthoofd, Ready, Alward, Szafran
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Note: Lewis is attending as guest. Number of community members in audience
4. Approval of Agenda: **Motion** by Houthoofd, seconded by Toth to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**
5. Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Toth, seconded by Olmstead to approve the January 12, 2020 minutes. **Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**
6. Report from Township Board: Houthoofd reported that all articles were passed by board, 17.1, 17.2, 17.3
7. Old Business:
 - a. **Public hearing: Motion by Olmstead, seconded by Houthoofd to exit regular meeting and to begin Public Hearing to close at 7:01, Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**

Public hearing to label CSC on east side of South Branch Road from existing CSC (Kokosing Road) to Weston Road and NSC on west side of South Branch Road from Rose City Road to lot 300-012-00

Add section to both 12.03 E. and to 13.03 D "State of Michigan licensed campground facility

- b. Letter from: Jan-Arthur Utrecht and Ann Lawrence 4709 Fairlane Dr. concern with zoning change
- c. Letter from: Darwin Davy 8730 Davy supports trailer park
- d. Letter from: Bruce and Beth Thayer 5031 Cleveland St. concern with zoning change
- e. Letter from: Sharon Manthey 4987 Franklin Rd concern with zoning change
- f. Letter from: Sharon Larson 4963 Franklin concern with zoning change
- g. Letter from: Gerald & Mary Bowron 8611 Kokosing concern with zoning change
- h. Letter from: Paul Defer 8082 Long Lake concern with zoning change

- i. Letter from: Robert & Terry Meckstroth 8595 Kokosing concern with zoning change
- j. Letter from: Jim Behm 8552 Martha concern with zoning change
- k. Letter from: Sandra & Matthew Siemen and Patrick and Angela Holdwick concern with zoning change
- l. Letter from: Debbie Stoerker, 4753 Lakeside Blvd concern with zoning change
- m. Comment from: Terry Biglin 8145 Campbell: lake is crowded
- n. Comment from: John Lochart: asked about campground
- o. Comment from: Todd Trevarrow owner of land west of South Branch Rd: Addressed the use of lake by the campground
- p. Comment from: Jim Vacketta 8739 Kokosing: Concern with process being followed: Wants to know about campground.
- q. Comment from: Jeff Wise: 8755 Kokosing: Asked about campground and site plan (Olmstead explained how the zoning plan works
- r. Comment from: Beth Thayer: 8719 Weston behind property: Concern with what is in her back yard, not concern with the campground if maintained, concern with use of her road. Doesn't want east side to be changed
- s. Comment from: Chelsea Aker Lives in Lapeer and uses Long Lake: Support change
- t. Comment from: Jim Szafran 8096 Campbell: Support- need to police ourselves
- u. Comment from: Keith Reinhart 7620 Spruce: support for campground
- v. Comment from: Rob Teachout 4997 Main Street Corky's Corner Store: Supports change
- w. Comment from: Jennifer Shulte, Bass Lake from Indiana: Supports change
- x. Comment from: Rob Streeter 610 Main St: policing issue not zoning issue
- y. Comment from: Denise June 8035 Errett: support
- z. Comment from: Steve Baker 3900 M-65: supports change of zoning
- aa. Comment from: Don McDonell: 3177 Ira Dr: supports change in zoning
- bb. Comment from: Tina Dobbs 8066 Errett: support

**Motion by Toth, second by Olmstead to close public hearing and resume meeting:
8:06 Motion carried by voice, all ayes.**

Ready/ Lewis explained how the process will proceed, members of board to discuss

Johnson: Master plan: looking at the interest of public in the plan: is this going to benefit the community to change the zoning. 25% of respondents said they would want to see more campgrounds

Houthoofd: looking at fixing the zoning map: moving the ordinance to update the zoning book.

Szafran: changing maps and the ordinance only

Toth: Struggle to see as commercial, just wanting the map to be clarified

Olmstead: thought it was already commercial, wants to create buffer zone across the street. 2017, camping ordinance, now just updating to put in the correct place in the book

Alward: something they were already looking at, many areas in township need to be clarified

Motion by Johnson, supported by Alward; to send amendment to zoning map and ordinance to Plainfield Township Board for approval. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote: ayes: Toth, Johnson, Olmstead, Houthoofd, Ready, Alward, Szafran nays: none

8. New Business: Signs Section 20- complete rewrite: Lewis will give copies to committee to work on for March meeting. LED sign highway advertising Act: 253.318 Prohibited signs or sign structures. Concern with lighted signs 3 ft candles of difference. Asked how to measure: there is an app for that. Like the chart idea to aid in the regulation of signs.
9. Public views and comments:
Keith Reinhart, Signage: asking for clarification on sign ordinance
10. Meeting adjourned Alward/ Olmstead made motion to adjourn 8:19
11. Next Meeting March 11, 2020 7:00

Minutes submitted by Cheryl McDonell

Approved:

Date _____