

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Monday August 22, 2022

1. Call to Order:

- a. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Kilgore at 7:01 p.m. at Thornapple Township located at 200 E. Main St. Middleville, MI 49333.
- b. Present: Elaine Denton, Bryan Finkbeiner, Elizabeth Hansson, Linda Gasper, Tom Kilgore, Sandra Rairigh, and Craig Wandrie. Also Present: Catherine Getty, Amy Brown, and Nick Suwyn.

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Gasper, **SUPPORT** by Rairigh to approve the agenda as printed. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.

3. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Denton, **SUPPORT** by Rairigh to approve the June 27, 2022, meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.

4. Citizen Comments: None.

5. Public Hearings:

- a. Petition to Rezone #46 Parcel 08-14-027-002-09 from Agriculture Residential (AR) to General Commercial (C).
 - i. Staff Introduction – Getty explained that Nick Suwyn through his LLC. Was requesting the parcel be rezoned from AR to C as they would like to develop the property by building a self-storage facility there. Getty stated that the Master Plan shows the long-term plan that the property would become commercial. The owners are now ready.
 - ii. Applicant Presentation – Nick Suwyn stated that he would like the parcel to be rezoned to commercial as they plan to build a self-storage facility there. He believes there is a need for it in the community.
 - iii. Public Hearing - No comments. Getty stated that no emails or phone calls were received regarding the rezoning.
 1. OPEN: 7:10 PM
 2. CLOSE: 7:10 PM
 - iv. Commission Questions and Deliberation – Chair Kilgore asked members if there were any questions or comments. Finkbeiner stated no and that he thought it was a good idea to have a self-storage facility there.
 - v. Recommendation to the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees
 1. **MOTION** by Finkbeiner, **SUPPORT** by Gasper to recommend to the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees the rezoning of parcel 08-14-027-002-09, 6.08 acres, from

AR to C as it is consistent with Thornapple Township’s Master Plan and Future Land Use Map.

Roll Call Vote: Finkbeiner- Yes, Denton- Yes, Gasper-~~No~~ Yes, Hansson-Yes, Kilgore-Yes, Rairigh-Yes, Wandrie-Yes. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes votes and 0 no vote.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. Committee Reports: None.


8. Administrator’s Report:

- a. Zoning Activity Report – Getty asked commissioners if there were any questions about the Zoning report. She also let the commissioners know the Masselink’s were splitting up some of their property into eight 1.5-acre sized parcels to would allow for homes to be built. Getty has received a lot of interest in them and expects more building in either the Spring or Summer of 2023. Getty said Williams and Works had been working on the audit of the ordinances and hopes to have a draft to distribute to commissioners soon, but they may or may not have it before the September meeting. However, there will be a September meeting for the following requests. A request for renewal of special use permits for both the Janose’s sand mine and the Oetman’s sand mines. Also, Getty expects to have a new request for a special use permit for a beauty salon in an occupant’s home.
- b. Code Enforcement Report – Gasper asked if the greenhouse/retail store at 8540 W. Crane Rd. was fully closed. Getty replied that they were awaiting a final inspection.

9. Commissioner Comments: None.

10. Adjournment:

- a. **MOTION** by Gasper, **SUPPORT** by Finkbeiner to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. **MOTION CARRIED** with 7 yes voice votes.



Sandra Rairigh, Secretary



Amy Brown, Recording Secretary

Approved 9/26/2022