

Cambridge Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, 26 August 2020

Regular Meeting:

1). Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Streams, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2). Roll Call:	R. Streams	Present	K. Gidner	Present
	R. Kurowski	Present	T. Friess	Absent – Not Excused
	K. Kelley	Present	C. Shanks	Present
	B. Matejewski	Present	D. Horner	Present
	T. Kissel	Present		

- Plus nine (9) members of the public.

3). Report of the Secretary: **MSC (Gidner, Kurowski)** to approve the PC minutes of 29 July 2020 meeting, **Passed, unanimous.**

4). New Business:

A. New Site Plan Review – Pioneer Cuts - 8543 M50, Onsted, Mi. 49265. - for the purpose of a new building. Along with the initial site plan paperwork submitted, Jason Davis explained the new building request. The proposed building would be built east of the existing structure and be used for warehousing and storage only. No manufacturing or production is planned for the new structure, as half of it will be “cold storage” for scrap hoppers, etc. and the other half to be insulated and used for storing unused equipment and raw materials. The initial site plan sketch was submitted with detailed lot / building drawings to come later. **MSC (Matejewski, Kurowski)** to accept the presented site plan. **Passed, unanimous.**

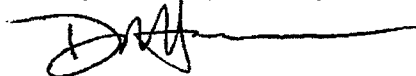
B. Consider updating definitions / Township Ordinances regarding “Fences.” The initial request to review the Fence Ordinance is a result of a Cambridge Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) ruling (Hearing date 17Aug 2020, Appeal # VA20-0015) and a letter to the Cambridge Township Planning Commission (PC) from Patrick Coulter (Loch Erin Property Owners Association – Building Committee). It was requested for the PC to review and possibly update the definition of “fences” and / or reword the Ordinance details regarding fences. Much discussion took place on what actually constitutes a fence and whether anything in the Ordinance needed to be changed. PC member Kurowski asked Rick Richardson to find out from Region 2 and other townships how their ordinances are defined. **MSC (Kurowski, Kelley)** to table the issue until next meeting when additional resources can be reviewed. **Passed, unanimous.**

5). Old Business: None

6). Public Comments: Four (4) members of the public commented on the fence ordinance issue.

7). Adjourn Meeting: **MSC (Kurowski, Kissel)**, to adjourn meeting. **Passed, unanimous – 7:36 pm.**

Submitted by D. Horner, Secretary



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Regular Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, 28 October 2020

Note: Still social distancing because of the Corona Virus pandemic restrictions.

Regular Meeting:

1). Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Streams, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

2). Roll Call:	R. Streams	Present	K. Gidner	Present
	R. Kurowski	Present	T. Friess	Absent – not excused
	K. Kelley	Present	C. Shanks	Absent - excused
	B. Matejewski	Present	D. Horner	Present
	T. Kissel	Present		

- Plus ten (10) members of the public.

3). Report of the Secretary: **MSC (Gidner, Kurowski)** to approve the PC minutes of 26 August 2020 meeting, **Passed, unanimous.**

4). New Business:

A. Initial review of “Conditional Use Requirements” regarding “Barn Event Venues.” Township attorney Phil S. presented the details of why this is now in front of the Planning Commission. Preliminary review done of two (2) handouts, *Barn Event Venue* (initial concept of ordinance details from Phil S.) and *Event Barns: Avoid the Pitfalls* (white paper from the 2019 MTA Annual Education Conference). Dan Pizana, representing the property owners, explained the proposed use of the property on Springville Hwy., south of Sheeler Rd. **MSC (Kurowski, Matejewski)** to form a sub-committee to review the data in more detail, including the current zoning ordinances, and bring a proposal to the next PC meeting. **Passed, unanimous.** Sub-committee consists of Rick S., Rod K., Tom K., Bob M., and Dave H. (for minutes).

B. Re-schedule of the November meeting – The current schedule reflects the November meeting falls on the day before Thanksgiving. Because there is usually no meeting in December, the committee didn’t want to delay the issue until the January meeting. The November meeting is being moved to December 2, 2020.

5). Old Business:

A. Review of how Region 2 and other townships are dealing with fence ordinances regarding trees and bushes. Reviewed Region 2 emails from Grant B. and current fence ordinances from Blackman Twp., Grass Lake Twp., Summit Twp., Leoni Twp., and City of Jackson. **MSC (Gidner, Kelly)** to leave ordinance as is. **Passed, Kurowski opposed.** The committee to review and bring proposals to the next meeting on additions to the Zoning Ordinances that deal with trees, hedges, and bushes on or near property lines.

6). Public Comments: Patrick Coulter, Christian Malcolm, and Eric Cullum all spoke in favor of getting resolution to this fence ordinance issue so the LEPOA board could finalize their by-law changes to more in-line with the township.

7). Adjourn Meeting: **MSC (Kurowski, Kelly)**, to adjourn meeting. **Passed, unanimous – 7:55 pm.**

Submitted by D. Horner, Secretary

