

Columbia Township Planning Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday January 15, 2020 7:00 pm

1. Call to order by Chairperson Mahr at 7:03
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Gaede, Briescke, running late, McKay, Mahr, Wanty , Absent: Jeffreys, Reynolds
Visitor: Rick Church, Township Code Enforcement Administrator.

4. Public Comments: None

5. Motion to approve the agenda made by Gaede; support by McKay, Ayes all

6. Motion by McKay, support by Wanty to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020. Ayes all.

8. Purpose of the meeting: **First of four Annual Meetings**

9. Old Business:

a. Report out on the Meeting with Supervisor Elrod, Clerk Marsh and Treasurer Calhoun on the Master Plan update. Option 1 appears to be the path to have the Township Board approve the Master Plan. Regular reports will be submitted to the Board by Land Plan as progress is made. The Board will follow Land Plans guidelines.

b. The Letter of Intent to revise the Master Plan will be sent by the Township Supervisor and will be the main contact; the Press Release will be approved by the Township Board.

c. Community Survey. The survey will not be mailed, it will be done via Survey Monkey linked to the Township website, and printed versions will be available for non-internet citizens.

d. Budget for revision: The cost to revise will be shown in the 2020 and 2021 budget years. It is estimated to be a 14 month project, the Planning Commission will need to submit a budget to the Board and determine the number of meetings with Land Plan and the Township Attorney.

e. The By-Laws of the Planning Commission were approved in 2015, the PC Chair can serve no more than 3 years. Gaede discussed the use of the Attorney by the Township. The term - limit will be re-visited with the full PC Commission.

f. Going forward, all minutes will be distributed via email, no more mailing.

g. A roadmap to plan the plan is needed.

h. Survey review questions:

1. Why is this needed?
2. Revise I do not commute, to "work from home".
3. No change
4. Revise to Township Board.
5. No change
6. No change
7. Revise to include the Park on Hyde Road at Clark Lake.

8. No change
9. Is this still active? Review with Region 2.
10. Add Quality of Life.
11. Revise enforcement to implementation.
12. No change.
13. Add availability of goods and services.
14. No change
15. Questioned the how and why.
- 16-20. No changes
21. Delete
- 22-26 Eliminate these questions.
27. No change
28. No change
29. Revise to add local funding? Possibly delete all together.
- 30-33. No changes
- 34 & 35. Delete
36. Revise to, Do you wish to be connected to a public sewer?
37. No change
38. Add examples of light industrial, possibly include Medical Marijuana dispensaries.
39. Add a definition.
40. No change
41. No change
42. Revise section two, West of M-50 and East of M-50 and eliminate Case Road.

I. Color Copies of the Zoning Map were distributed. Discussion ensued on River Raisin and Clark Lake names.

Public Comments: Rick Church questioned the revision of the Master Plan after the Township Ordinances, the work is backwards, the Master Plan should be revised first and the Zoning revised to reflect the Master Plan. It was confirmed that it is unusual.

New Business: New meeting date for the March 10 meeting will be Tuesday March 3, to accommodate the Election on March 10, 2020. The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday January 28th.

Commissioner Comments:

Mahr: New considerations for the Master Plan, Wine Trails, Granny Pods, Tiny Houses, Hospice accommodations, Green Cemeteries .

Gaede: Needed to clarify the 4 annual meetings. Jan 15, March 3, April 7 and December 8, 2020.

General discussion on the revision of the Master Plan and communication to the Board.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to adjourn by Brieschke, support by McKay ayes all.

Meeting adjourned 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Wanty

Todd Wanty-Secretary