

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

July 15, 2021 7:00 PM

Meeting held in person at Township Office

Minutes

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Wanty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Mr. Trout called the roll: Present: Chairperson Todd Wanty, Secretary Mike Trout, Mike McKay, Hollis Jeffreys, Bob Jenson, Walter Reed; Absent: Vice-Chairperson Roger Gaede; Other Attendees: Brian Ellis, Damon Bundy, Kevin Fink, Annette Fink. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: *Motion by Mr. Reed, supported by Mr. Jenson, to approve the agenda with revisions, to move the Boaters Choice approval to old business and the Finkville LLC site plan to new business: **VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Mr. McKay, supported by Mr. Wanty to approve the June 15, 2021 minutes as presented: **VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried***

Purpose of meeting:

- a. Boaters Choice Expansion (Second Review)
- b. 9336 Vining Street Clarklake (Finkville LLC) site plan application review.

Public Comment: The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 7:06 p.m. Brian Ellis on behalf of Boater's Choice indicated he would be presenting the updated site plan and urged approval. There were no further comments and the Chairperson closed the public comment period at 7:10 p.m.

Old Business:

- a. Boaters Choice Expansion (Second Review) - Brian Ellis described the updated plan that addresses the six (6) items of concern noted in the July 6, 2021 memo from Township Planner Mark Eidelson. After discussion it was agreed the revised plan was sufficient for final action. **Motion by Mr. McKay, supported by Mr. Reed to recommend final approval to the Columbia Township Board with the following conditions: 1. Verification by Mr. Church with assistance from Mr. Eidelson, that the issues (items 1-6) noted in the July 6, 2021 memo are correctly reflected in the plan. **VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried****

- b. Master Plan Survey Review – Chairperson Wanty suggested he and Mr. Trout work with the Township Clerk and Planner to ensure the survey questions are finalized including any lake related questions by the end of August.
- c. G2 Diversified, 11523 Brooklyn Rd. – Site Plan Review – Mr. Church indicated the applicant is working with the Planner to resubmit a revised plan.

New Business:

- a. **9336 Vining Street Clarklake (Finkville LLC) site plan application review** – Mr. McKay citing a conflict of interest was allowed to remove himself as a planning commissioner for this item. The property owner Annette Fink described her community involvement as the artist who created the “Welcome to Clarklake” sign. She noted she intended to create an art studio in the building once used by the Gleaners and built in 1896. Her intent is preservation. Mr. McKay presented the site plan highlighting the issues raised in Mr. Eidelson’s correspondence dated July 8, 2021, focusing mainly on the landscaping, parking, drainage and signage. He noted approval by the Drain Commission and Road Commission. He also shared the plan with the Township Police and Fire Departments. The building removal and foundation were also discussed.
Motion by Mr. Jenson, supported by Mr. Reed to recommend approval to the Township Board with the conditions (items 1-4) noted in Part three of the July 8, 2021 correspondence. VOTE: Ayes all. (McKay abstain) Motion Carried

Public Comment: The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 8:15 p.m. There were no public comments and the Chairperson closed the public comment period at 8:17 p.m.

Commissioner Comments: There was discussion among the members related to timing of reviews and Mr. Church further explained some of the challenges with the process but it is working. The zoning designation of our parks was also discussed. Members raised the issue of the potential for a less involved or more streamlined site plan review process for certain types of redevelopments and projects where the review is not as involved as with a new site.

Adjournment: *Motion by Mr. Wanty, supported by Mr. McKay to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
MIKE TROUT, SECRETARY

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AGENDA
(w/approved revisions)

1. Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of June 15, 2021 minutes.
5. Purpose or purposes of meeting
 - a. Boaters Choice Expansion (Second Review)
 - b. 9336 Vining Street Clarklake (Finkville LLC) site plan application review
6. Public Comment*
7. Old Business
 - a. Boaters Choice Expansion (Second Review)
 - b. Master Plan Survey review
 - c. G2 Diversified Site Plan review?
8. New Business
 - a. 9336 Vining Street Clarklake (Finkville LLC) site plan application review
9. Public Comment*
10. Commissioner Comments
11. Adjournment

*Each individual will state his or her name and address and have 3 minutes to address the Commission. You may only address the Commission once under each Public Comment opportunity and may not yield your time to others. **Commission members will not debate or answer questions at this time.**