

OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

September 1, 2020

SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The Ovid Township Planning Commission was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 6:08 p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Chris Donbrock, Jim Snivley, Tammi Schorfhaar

Other present: Gregg Gemmill, Robert Hawley, Roger Krueckeberg, Max Benjamin

Greg Gemmill suggested that we correct the date on the Agenda and Andy AcMoody asked to add items to discuss the upcoming Solar Power Webinar and updates to our Master Plan; Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the amended Agenda; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 Special Use Meeting minutes; seconded by Chris Donbrock; motion carried.

Chris Donbrock made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: The request to approve the Special Use Permit for self-storage units on Miller Lake Road. Andy AcMoody brought forth the fact that our zoning currently does not allow the fence to be located any further forward than the closest building. The proposed fence would be further forward than the closest building but it meets all of our set-back requirements. The Planning Commission will make note of this discrepancy in our ordinance for when we review and update our Master Plan. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has the discretion to recommend a variance. Jim Snivley made the motion to recommend this Special Use Permit to the Township Board for approval with the condition that they follow the set-back requirements as submitted; Chris Donbrock seconded; motion carried.

Andy AcMoody brought forth the information about the upcoming Solar Power webinar on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Anyone who is interested in participating should email Greg Gemmill to complete the registration process. The webinar will hopefully be recorded and can be viewed later.

Our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance do not match up in regards to Alternative Energy. The current Master Plan does not address Alternative Energy. Greg Gemmill has been in contact with our attorney to confirm the appropriate steps needed going forward to make the changes to our Zoning Ordinance so that it then allows for the necessary changes to our Master Plan.

Zoning Report: Robert Hawley said that Lockwood Church is doing a repaving project. He was able to approve the project according to what is allowed in our Ordinance without approval from the Planning Commission. Robert said that it has been a busy summer with a lot of permits issued.

Public comment: None

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Chris Donbrock; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.