

OVID TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

OVID TOWNSHIP OFFICE, BRANCH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

June 7, 2022

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

The Ovid Township Planning Commission meeting was called to order by Andy AcMoody at 6:00p.m.

Members present: Andy AcMoody, Jim Snivley, Tammi Schorfhaar

Other present: Kyle Macha, Matt Ashenfelter, Max Benjamin, Fadel Said, Mubarak Said, Richard Doud, Connor Podkul

Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to approve the Agenda; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Jim Snivley made a motion to approve the March 1, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting minutes; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Approve/schedule public hearings for the updated Master Plan. Kyle Macha said that he has not received any comments on the updated Master Plan. Jim Snivley made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on July 5, 2022 for the purpose of reviewing the updated Master Plan; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried.
- b. Planning Commission vote to approve the final draft of the Sign Ordinance language amendment and schedule a public hearing. Tammi Schorfhaar made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on July 5, 2022 for the purpose of approving the final draft of the Sign Ordinance language amendments; seconded by Jim Snivley; motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dr. Richard Doud provided information and comments regarding the possibility of working with Apex Solar on the set-back properties of the project. Dr. Doud is suggesting that a Blue Ribbon committee be formed through the utilization of a variety of resources including Michigan State University; the Conversation District and Pheasants Forever that could provide information about plant mixes which could be utilized in the set-back areas and which, he believes, could provide to be a “proving ground” that will be envy of others everywhere. Dr. Daoud plans to contact Apex and provide additional information to them. Andy AcMoody reminded everyone that Apex has not yet submitted an application for the Solar project. Connor Podkul, of Apex, said that they appreciate the ideas and that there is a meeting with the Conversation District in a few weeks.

Zoning Report: See attached report provided by Matt Ashenfelter

New Business:

- a. Preliminary site plan review with Fadel and Mubarak Said regarding the special use requirements for establishing a used car lot at 597 South Angola Road (corner of South Angola Road and Pearl Road). Fadel provided an overview of their plan. Matt Ashenfelter said that he doesn't see any issues with their proposal, but he did suggest that they talk to Branch County's Building Inspectors and get their input before spending the money on a Special Use Permit. That way, any issues that the County might have can be addressed first.
- b. Golf Carts – the question of possibly developing an Ordinance about golf carts was discussed briefly. The biggest concern is enforcement as Ovid Township does not have its own police

force. Kyle Macha suggested that, before this is pursued further, it may be wise to ask our attorney for his input.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:00p.m.

Jim Snivley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Andy AcMoody; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tammi Schorfhaar, secretary.