

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 23, 2020**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Marlene Saari Mieloszyk, George Kivi, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent: Jason Hofstede

Also Present: LeRoy Johnson, Brett Imwalle

In the absence of Mr. Hofstede, Vice Chairman George Kivi conducted the meeting.

Public Comment: none

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lynn, seconded by Kafczynski to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of May 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Rohde to approve the May 27, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Zoning Ordinance 53 Amendments:** Discussion was held regarding the proposed amendment specific to the section on the raising of chickens. Mr. Johnson recommended we revise the section pertaining to chicken raising in the R1 District and place it in a separate section in the ordinance rather than requiring a Special Use Permit. This would cost less for the residents but would still require a permit at a lesser cost and would not require a public hearing. However, Mr. Johnson will check with Michigan State University and Mr. McDonald for recommendations. Discussion was held regarding the letters received from Attorney Mark McDonald regarding both the sections on chicken raising and shipping containers. The amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were tabled to the next meeting pending revision of the proposed amendments and consideration of Mr. McDonald's recommendations. Motion by Rohde to table the amendment and Public Hearing 1, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried.

- **Hendrickson Special Use Permit Application:** Discussion was held regarding the application to build a storage garage for their blueberry operation. Mr. Johnson recommended the Commission approve the application. Motion was made by Kafczynski, seconded by Lahtinen to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried. No public comment was received regarding the application. Motion was made by Saari Mieloszyk, seconded by Rohde to close the Public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Lahtinen to approve the Hendrickson Special Use Permit Application. Motion carried. Mr. Johnson will send the permit.

Zoning Administrator Report: Mr. Johnson stated it has been a busy summer with a lot of new construction. Mr. Johnson will notify the Commission if any Special Use Permits requiring Commission approval come in before the next Planning Commission meeting since our building season is so short.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: Motion by Rohde, seconded by Laitinen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Next regular Planning Commission meeting will be October 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

George Kivi, Vice-Chairman

Marlene Saari Mieloszyk, Secretary