

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Planning Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2020**

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

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

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** LeRoy Johnson, Brett Imwalle, Justin Richards, Michael Tuttle

**Public Comment:** none

**Additions and/or Approval of Agenda:** Home Occupancy Permit added to New Business. Richards Special Use Permit Application moved from New Business to Public Hearing. Discussion was held regarding adding the Broadband issue to New Business. It was determined that since Broadband availability was not currently part of the Master Plan, it should be brought up at the next Township Board meeting to see if the Township would work with GogebicRange.net to provide additional service to Township residents similar to Wakefield Township. Motion by Rohde, seconded by Saari Mieloszyk, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Approval of July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Spelling of Lahtinen's name corrected. Motion by Lahtinen, seconded by Kafczynski to approve the July 23, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Request to Review Resident's Fire Pit Legality. Resident of Sunset Rd states the neighbor's fire pit is within 50 feet of his house. Resident asking to have it declared as a Public Nuisance to be enforced by the Township. However, after research by the Zoning Administrator and inspection by the Township Fire Department, it was determined the firepit follows the DEQ requirement and it is a private nuisance but not a public nuisance. The Township does not have a Burning Ordinance as the last proposed Ordinance did not pass. The Commission advised the resident they have the option to pursue in Court as a private civil action. A motion by Saari Mieloszyk, seconded by Kivi,

to review the Burning Ordinance again to see if it can be passed this time. Motion carried.

- Home Occupancy Permit Application. The permit is for a Coffee Roasting operation on Slade Road to be operational in an existing building on the property, not attached to the home. The application is for information only as it is not a prohibited occupation. There are no problems with water, sewer or electric. Motion by Kafczynski, seconded by Rohde to approve the application. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:**

Motion by Saari Mieloszyk, seconded by Lahtinen to move into Public Hearing at 6:31. Motion carried.

- Special Use Permit Application by Justin Richards to build a storage garage prior to erection of residence in TR-1 District. The TR-1 District allows the accessory building prior to erection of principal buildings under Special Uses. The building will be hooked up to city water and sewer. Motion to approve the application by Rohde, seconded by Saari Mieloszyk. Motion carried.

Motion by Lahtinen, seconded by Rohde to move back to the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**Zoning Administrator Report:**

- Zoning Ordinance 53 Amendments: The Zoning Administrator needs to get clarification from the Township Attorney regarding language changes. Once received, the revised version will be discussed at the December Planning Commission Meeting.

**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 December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Jason Hofstede, Chairman

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Marlene Saari Mieloszyk, Secretary