

Casco Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2022
6:00 PM
Casco Township Hall

Members Present: Andy Litts, Dan Fleming, Ryan Brush, Greg Knisley
Members Absent: John Weaver, Kelly Hecker, Sam Craig

Audience: Zoning Administrator Tasha Smalley, Henry Cisco, Mike Baker, Julie Cowie, Lois Swartz, Heidi Frazer, John Kasishke, others neighbors of Cisco (sand mine)

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Litts 6:00PM
2. Review and approve agenda: Smalley stated that 3.28 lots needs to be removed, was leftover from last month. A motion by Knisley to approve agenda with correction, supported by Fleming. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Public comment: no public comment
4. No correspondence was received
5. Public hearing – none
6. Approval of Minutes: Litts stated a correction, page 3, #7 New business, 6th paragraph, 3rd sentence, should say: Just getting 68th Street between 107th and 104th ready for pavement was \$1,000,000. A motion made by Fleming to approved July 20, 2022 minutes with correction, supported by Litts. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. New Business
 - a. Erosion Control Committee Presentation –Julie Cowie, Lois Swartz, Heidi Frazer. The committee was formed in Aug 2021 to address erosion issues on Lake Michigan. Coastal Resilience. Few things the committee is requesting of the PC: amend master plan to include shoreline protection, strategies for coastal resilience, importance of drainage when developing land, uphold setbacks, support EGLE permit process, keep shoreline walkable.
Power Point: 1) Purpose of the committee is to learn more about permit process, the Lakes science, geology, revetments, Township policy 2) Leadership Academy, how lakes dynamics impact shorelines, identify planning tools, path for taking action to make more resilient 3) several photos of bluffs, revetments, other what EGLE is and is not permitting / protecting 4) Drainage issue, causing bluff issues 5) update master plan, add language balance growth and sustainability.
(information is available upon request)
 - b. no other business to come before the commission

8.. Old Business

a. Continue text amendments:

campground, little discussion. A motion made by Litts to accept the language for public hearing, supported by Fleming. All in favor. Motion carried.

Firepits: Litts gave Dave Campbells time to voice his concerns (and email) regarding the proposed text. Concern with removing the 25ft from structure/house. Also firepits are mentioned in other sections. Mr.

Campbell offered to help research the SHEAS rules pertaining to burning. Litts postponed further discussion to reach out to SHAES for clarification.

3.23 Project into yard: little discussion. Postpone to next meeting

- B Site plan, Cisco 68th St, Sand Mine SLU: Mike Baker, Nederveld went over the changes to the site plan. Amended the setback to 200ft, added the fence, measured water level, sand removal will not be less than 3ft above water table. Also added phases, 4 phases about 11 acres. Start from the west end and move east. The fence will surround the phase. The area not being mined will remain farmland. Mr. Baker spoke with Allegan County Road Commission regarding the truck route, go south on 68th then east on 103rd, then north on 66th, then west on 109th to Hwy.

Discussion regarding site limits on 103rd / 66th. Was stated by Mr. Cisco representative that if approved, signs would be put up stating “slow trucks” or alike. Concern with road maintenance with additional truck loads and traffic. Was stated by Mr. Cisco representative that a bond would be with the Road Commission; if the roads are damaged this bond would pay for repair.

Litts allowed public comment; Phillip Tyson 529 68th, and other resident across the street are concerned with the noise, loud trucks, all day long. Wear and tear on the roads. Suggested limiting cubic yards per day.

Smalley offered to look into how the escrow, surety bond for reclamation, and impact study - works, and / or what to do.

Litts discussed the water table, 3ft is drainable; stay above high water table.

Knisley discussed more water table and possible draw from well(s). Added load may effect houses.

Was stated by Mr. Cisco representative that a video is taken of the truck route currently so there is record of what roads like to assess damage.

More discussion about road bond, either with Road Commission, Twp or both.

DD.#2 General Review standards

- a. ongoing discussion with roads, shortest route.
- b. Property values go both ways; does PV change with sand mine
- c. Ok

- d. Ok
- e. Nearby creek
- f. Nearby creek
- g. Have plans reviewed by another person/agency
- h. Same as above

Is email from road commission an in depth report. Litts offered to speak with RC regarding road issues and signs.

DD.#3 Nuisance, abatement

- a. Limit hours, possible 7-5p, sat till noon
- b-e ok
- f. 5 ft berm
- g. noise, 60dbl
- h-j ok
- k. truck route was provided by applicant, applicant worked with RC on the route. A frequency has not been established yet. Litts offered to work with RC on this route.
- i. truck route still in discussion
- m. PC is in favor of requiring an environmental impact study

more discussion bond roads and reclaim; escrow amount DD#1f, noise, not enough fence on plan, gate; impact study

c. no other business to come before the commission

9. Administrative Reports

- a. Zoning Administrator – refer to itemized zoning report
- b. Township Board – refer to Board minutes
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 apps: King 1191 Oak, fence height variance, approved. Stufflebeam, 58 North Shore, setback variances, approved.

10. General public comment - none

11. Adjourn; A motion by Fleming to adjourn, supported by Knisley. All in favor. Motion carried. 9:25PM

Attachments: available upon request

minutes prepared by:

Tasha Smalley, Zoning Administrator