

Clearwater Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting of January 2, 2017
As approved February 6, 2017

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:

Commissioners present: Backers, Fields, Parzych, Von See.

Commissioners absent: Eldridge

Township officials: Acting Zoning Administrator Parzych

Public: Nobody present.

Approval of Agenda:

Strike the budget discussion from the agenda.

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Call for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests:

Chair calls for commissioners to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interests.

There were none.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the minutes of December 5, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:

None.

Ongoing Permanent Business:

Commissioner Backers read the proposed letter to survey the opinions of the landowners immediately adjacent the portion of highway M-72 that passes through Clearwater Township, regarding the possibility of creating a commercial corridor. The text of that letter is hereby incorporated into the record by reference, and a copy of it is attached to the permanent copy of these minutes as [Att A].

MOTION by Backers, second by Parzych, to send a copy of the approved letter to the Township Board for their review, with a cover letter seeking their consent to proceed with mailing the letter to the landowners along M-72, with an enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope to facilitate a reply. Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was none.

Report of Township Representative:

No report.

Report of Zoning Administrator:

Acting Zoning Administrator Parzych distributed his reports for November and December 2017, which reports are hereby incorporated into the record by reference, and copies of which are attached to the permanent copy of these minutes as [Att B] and [Att C].

New Business

Chair Parzych reported receiving a letter from the Kalkaska Board of Commissioners advising that they are updating their Master Plan.

Closing Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:21 p.m..

Assignments:

- Fields to forward the text of the proposed letter and opinion survey to the Township Board, along with a cover letter explaining the purpose of the inquiry.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Clearwater Township Community Center (aka the Little Red Schoolhouse).

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Norris Fields
Secretary

To the property owner

The Clearwater Township Planning Commission, in conducting its ongoing review of the Township Master Plan, is considering the establishment of a commercial business zone along highway M-72 within the Township jurisdiction. This would involve changing the land use designation along M-72 to a depth to be determined from the Right-of-Way centerline. The resulting strip on either side of the highway would be changed from agricultural or recreational to commercial.

We believe this change could stimulate economic activity within the township, increase the property value of these parcels, and provide employment or business opportunities for local residents. We would appreciate your input as to interest for or against establishing this economic corridor. At present, no investigation of the process has been undertaken, and any action to establish such would take a minimum of a year or more.

As a landowner whose property would be directly affected, you are invited and encouraged to provide your input. Please take the time to complete the attached survey form, and mail or deliver it to the Clearwater Township office. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is included for your convenience. Comments both in favor of, and against, the idea are welcome.

Thank you,

Adam Parzych
Chairman
Clearwater Township Planning Commission

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Opinion Survey
M-72 Business Corridor
Land Use and Zoning Change

Your comments and reasoning in favor:

Your comments and reasoning against:

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3 Land Use Permits

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- Residences
- / Residences with Attached Garage
- Pole Barns
- Resident Additions
- Decks, Porches, etc.
- / Miscellaneous, Other Buildings

23 Field Checks

2 Attorney Contacts

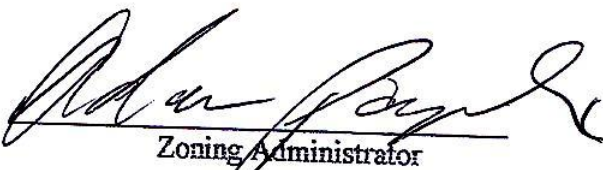
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