

Covert Township

Planning Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting, May 19, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Meeting called to order by Chairperson DeRosa at 6:33 PM.

Present: Brown, DeRosa, Hawood, Harding, Berry, Taylor and Rendell

Absent: None

Others Present: Rebecca Harvey, Planning Consultant

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Harding to Approve the Minutes from the April 21st, 2021 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Comment non agenda items:

None

Public Hearing was opened at 6:40 PM:

Public Comment:

Adam Tencate, Owner of M-140 Auto Parts, LLC, addressed the board for quite a while. He said he did nothing wrong and because of Covid-19 and the Township doing things like raids on his property he was unable to get things done in a timely manner.

The Board asked him many questions and he blames' the Township for what has happened and said he was thinking of suing the Township.

Motion to close the public hearing by DeRosa 2nd by Berry at 7:15.

Motion Carried

There was much discussion by the Board on what the planning commission could do and what had to be done about the conditional rezoning now that there was a "Declaration of Default" of the conditional rezoning agreement.

Motion by Rendell, 2nd by DeRosa to recommend to the Township board approval of the ordinance rezoning certain legally described property commonly addressed as 25307 M-140 Hwy within the Township from the temporarily-authorized I industrial District to the former AG Agricultural District in

order to recognize the revocation of a conditional rezoning agreement for failure to abide by the conditions; and, to amend the Covert Township Map to reflect the rezoning.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Rendell, DeRosa, Taylor, and Brown

No: Berry and Harding

Abstain: Hawood

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Text Amendment – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (Draft #1):

The board liked the 1st draft and only found one small thing that needed changed.

It was decided not to schedule a public hearing yet and to wait until we had more items for the public hearing.

Text Amendment – Solar Energy Facilities:

It was decided to wait until our June meeting to discuss this item.

Old Business:

None.

Next meeting date:

Next regular Meeting – June 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment :

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne Rendell, secretary