

Covert Township

Planning Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing, February 16, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Harding at 6:30 PM.

Present: Brown, Harding, Berry, Taylor, Harrington, and Rendell

Absent: Haywood

Others Present: Rebecca Harvey, Planning Consultant, Brian Knotek Township Attorney (By Phone) and Aileen Leipprant, Attorney for Covert Industrial, LLC.

Approval of minutes:

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Taylor to Approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Public Comment Concerning Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Hearing:

Open Public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

Public Comment on public hearing:

Aileen Leipprant, Attorney for Covert Industrial, LLC, passed out literature and explained what was trying to be done with the building and land at 78277 CR 378. She told us that the Owner, Randy Price, would like to request that we postpone our decision for 90 days to give him time to make a proposal on how they would like to see the zoning changed.

Close Public Hearing Comments at 7:07.

Motion by Taylor seconded by Berry to close public hearing and return to regular meeting.

Rebecca Harvey and Brian Knotek explained the situation to us and explained what postponing our decision by 90 days would mean to everyone involved.

Motion by Harrington seconded by Berry to postpone the public hearing until our May 18th meeting as requested by the applicant.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Taylor seconded by Berry to close public hearing and return to regular meeting at 7:30 PM.

Motion Carried:

New Business:

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Berry to re-elect the current officers.

Motion Carried.

2022 PC Annual Report:

A motion was made by Harrington and seconded by Berry to accept the 2022 annual planning commission report as corrected.

Motion Carried.

2022 PC Meeting Schedule:

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Berry to approve the 2022 planning commission meeting schedule as presented.

Motion Carried.

2022 – 2023 PC Work Plan:

After discussion was had on what to work on this year it was decided to put Solar Energy Facilities as Priority 1, Accessory Dwelling Unit / Mobile Home as Accessory Use as Priority 2, State Licensed residential facilities; child care homes; foster care homes; residential care facilities as Priority 3.

Old Business:

None

Ongoing Business:

Text Amendment – Solar Energy Facilities:

Tabled.

Communications:

None

Next meeting date:

Next regular Meeting – March 20th at 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne Rendell, secretary