

Covert Township

Planning Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting, September 21, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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

Present: Brown, Haywood, Taylor, Harding, and Rendell

Absent: Harrington, and Berry

Others Present: Rebecca Harvey, Planning Consultant.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Brown seconded by Harding to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Brown seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Brown refuted the statement in the August 17 minutes that stated that Peter Morris was a Township Resident. Brown doesn't believe Peter Morris is a Township Resident.

Public Comment Concerning Non-Agenda Items:

Barbara Rose complained that the agenda and minutes are not available to the community before the meeting and they should be made available.

Dan Thomas asked if the planning commission had heard anything further on the fire lane 12 development. Rebecca Harvey told him that we have not.

New Business:

Text Amendment – Child Care Facilities

Rebecca Harvey presented us with a rough draft of changes that she feels we need to consider because of changes that have been at the state level concerning child care facilities.

After discussion it was determined that we also needed changes to some of our zoning districts to go along with the proposed changes.

Rebecca Harvey will prepare a new draft of changes we should consider making and have it to us for review at our October meeting.

Ongoing Business:

Text Amendment – Solar Energy Facilities:

We have not yet received a response from Ted Hanson, Covert's Building Inspector. Rebecca Harvey will reach out to Ted Hanson and Laura Fogarty and try to make sure we have it for our October meeting. Rebecca Harvey also has a review, of our draft amendment, that was made by a Building Inspector in another municipality and she will make that available to us for our review. We decided to wait until our October Meeting before proceeding.

Other Business:

Taylor asked Rebecca Harvey to explain what Powers / Options the Planning Commission and the Township Board had when a request for any development is received. Rebecca Harvey explained the steps and what Powers / Option the Planning Commission had and what Powers / Options the Township Board had.

Communications:

We receive a letter from South Haven Charter Township informing us that they are updating their Master Plan.

We received two letters about the Fire Lane 12 development. We will hold the letters until we have a proposal for Fire Lane 12 and consider them when it is discussed.

Next meeting date:

Next regular Meeting – October 19 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne Rendell, secretary