

**WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

Present: Joseph Stepich, Colleen Curtis, Deanna Heminger, Kevin Schuhknecht, Scott McKee, Linda Rizzo

Also Present: Joe Arnt

Chairman Schuhknecht called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 meeting were read. D. Heminger made a motion to approve the minutes as read. C. Curtis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rezoning Request - 8277 Arnt Blvd.

The Commission accepted an application for a request to rezone a 6.7' X 137.88' parcel of land immediately north of, and contiguous to, parcel 11-21-0026-0005-06-2, being 8277 Arnt Blvd from R1-B Residential to C-Commercial. K. Schuhknecht made a motion to set the public hearing date for January 7, 2020 at 2:05 p.m. J. Stepich seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Site Plan Acceptance for 3558 M-140.

A site plan was submitted to the Commission for a proposed gas station/truck stop to be located at 3558 M-140. The Commissioners were asked to review the site plan and report at the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Future Planning Topics.

J. Stepich told the Commission that he recently had a lengthy conversation with City of Watervliet Manager, Tyler Dotson. Stepich stated that he learned, through discussion, that Dotson was receptive to maintaining and, possibly, expanding cooperative projects and endeavors with the Township. Stepich mentioned that at the November Planning Commission meeting he stated that he would like to see the Commission develop a plan to promote the township's many attributes. He continued that it is Dotson's objective, as well, to promote the city in a like manner and he proposed the idea joining forces to promote the entire community and share the cost of doing so. D. Heminger stated that she liked the idea, pointing out the fact that the township really does not have that much commercially zoned property available and put forth the idea of the city promoting its

commercially zoned downtown areas and the township promoting its residential areas. Heminger also suggested that the Township should pursue the course of working with the school Superintendent toward the development of Airport Park and further suggested that because the Township has allocated money to match funding via a grant, she added that if the money has already been earmarked for the park with the grant, then, hypothetically, if the grant is not awarded the Township could put that allocated funding in a separate parks account anyway.

In other matters it was pointed out that one vacancy on the Planning Commission has been filled but one remains empty. Stepich asked the Commissioners, if they choose, to submit names of anyone they felt qualified to fill the vacancy.

With no further business before the Commission, C. Curtis made a motion to adjourn. K. Schuhknecht seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lohr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Lohr
Zoning Administrator