

**WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

Present: Joseph Stepich, Linda Rizzo, Deana Heminger, Scott McKee, Colleen Curtis, Louis Nordell, Kevin Schuhknecht.

Chairman Schuhknecht called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

The minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting were read. C. Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes as read. D. Heminger seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Hartford Township sent notice that they are beginning the process of adopting a 2020 Master Plan and was inviting everyone, who wished, to participate in the public comment and public hearing portion of the adoption process.

**Airport Park Update**

J. Stepich stated that he has been trying to contact the engineering firm that was supposed to have surveyed the prospective park area. He stated that he was not sure if the survey was completed, almost completed or has yet to begin and added that he has no idea when a report by the firm will be submitted.

**3801 M-140 Special Land Use Permit Application**

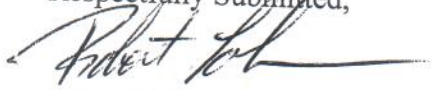
Another Special Land Use Permit application has been submitted for a Michigan Medical Marihuana provisioning center to be located at 3801 M-140 this time, however, by the current owner of the property. It was explained that there has already been a special land use permit issued for the same use for that property but was issued to an individual who was expected to purchase the property but did not. This renders that special use permit null and void. It was further explained that if the use permit is issued to the current owner of the property then the special use would run with the property in perpetuity as a permitted use. The owner is speculating that when the permit is issued it would make the property more attractive to anyone wishing to establish that type of business at that location. It was noted that this application, as with any application for a special land use permit, would require at least one public hearing. J. Stepich made a motion to set the required public hearing date for November 10, 2020 at 2:05 p.m. K. Schuhknecht seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

In other matters, J. Stepich, addressing the commission, requested suggestions of how they should proceed with implementation of the Master Plan and community promotion. He put forth the idea of hiring a consulting firm to promote the township or, further more, the community as a whole. He noted that he had talks with the City's Manager, Tyler Dotson, regarding a joint venture in that direction with Dotson appearing to be interested and enthusiastic about the idea. He requested that the Commissioners review the Master Plan and submit ideas of what points should be prioritized and how to proceed and, in order to not loose momentum, utilize this format at every meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 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