

Barry County Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Clyde Morgan in the Community Room of the Tyden Center located at 121 South Church Street in Hastings. The Planning Commission members in attendance included: Morgan, Jack Miner, Joyce Snow, Ben Geiger, and Jack Nadwornik. Robert Vanderboegh was absent.

Motion by Geiger to approve the agenda as printed. Support by Nadwornik. All ayes - motion carried.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Minutes of February 24, 2020. Motion by Geiger to approve the minutes as printed. Support by Miner. All ayes - motion carried.

John LaForge entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

BUSINESS

Site Plan Review

Case No. PR-4-2020

Byrne Harmon/FCC Construction Inc. (Applicant)
Don Mensch/Mensch Manufacturing Holdings LLC
(Property Owner)

Byrne Harmon, representing Mensch Manufacturing, stated that the intent is to add on 75 feet to the east side of the building. He said the addition will be used to store equipment inside the facility. He noted they will extend the parking area to the east, and the existing doors will be shifted to the new wall. He said the total addition will be 40,000 square feet.

Harmon noted the detention area is already in place and the new eaves on the addition will transport the water runoff to the basin. He said there is enough capacity to add the additional runoff.

Snow asked if the doors on the south wall would be adjusted. Harmon said they will remain.

Geiger asked about the retention pond capacity. Harmon noted it was designed to capture the water if the entire property was paved, and he noted it is working well.

Morgan asked about lighting. Harmon said the existing lighting will be shifted to the new wall. He said the lighting is down-facing.

Jim Brown asked to verify the total size of the addition. Harmon said it would be 40,000 square feet.

McManus asked if any bathrooms would be added. Harmon said no.
McManus asked if any new employees would be hired. Harmon said no.
McManus asked about any new parking. Harmon said they will move the parking, and the number of spaces will likely increase when the materials are moved indoors.

Snow noted they may hire additional people eventually.

Miner noted the septic system was oversized as they were thinking about expanding.

Motion by LaForge to approve Case No. PR-4-2020 as presented. Support by Snow.

Roll call vote taken: 6 ayes - 0 nays. Motion carried. Site Plan Approved.

Public Comment

Jim Brown suggested allowing public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

Other Business

Geiger told the Planning Commission that the Village of Woodland may request that the County take on zoning enforcement for the village. He said they are working with the township on a plan to fund the transition.

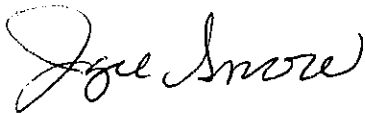
McManus noted an Intergovernmental Agreement will need to be implemented and it will allow the county to assume all administrative functions, including Planning Commission reviews.

Snow commented that she is running for Hope Township Supervisor, and if she is elected, she will be evaluating the costs and benefits of zoning in Hope Township.

Motion by Geiger to adjourn. Support by Snow. All ayes - motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Snow". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joyce Snow, Secretary