

Nelson Township Planning Commission

May 17, 2023

7:00pm

Nelson Township Municipal Building
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, Michigan 49343

Minutes

The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Stolk, Wier, Mahoney, Wall, R. DeJong, Covell; absent, C. DeJong

Also, Present: Attorney Leisman, Supervisor Britton, Zoning Administrator Gross and others on the sign in sheet.

Approval of the Planning Commission Agenda: Wier made motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Mahoney, All-Yes, Absent: C. DeJong

Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes from May 19th, 2021:

- A. Wier made motion to accept the January 18th minutes, seconded by R. DeJong.
All-Yes, Absent: C. DeJong
- B. Mahoney made motion to accept the February 13th minutes, seconded by Wall.
All-Yes, Absent: C. DeJong

Public Comment: Public comment started at 7:10pm and ended at 7:21pm. City Impact, represented by Johnathan Bergsma of 5368 14 Mile Court, Rockford, MI 49341, and Brayden Marvel of 349 Sarah Street, Cedar Springs, MI 49319, approached the PC Board about the possibility of starting a church youth outreach center on the corner of 18 mile and Northland.

New Business: A. Baczewski Mine Renewal: The mine renewal is for 3 years, the owner passed away and there is a question on who the heir is. Wier made motion to extend the renewal of the permit until September to give the Zoning Administrator time to contact the Family to verify the heir. Mahoney seconded it. All-Yes, Absent: C. DeJong

B. Kent County Dog License: The Nelson Township Board voted to approve the Kent County Dog License Ordinance.

C. J and R Properties (was moved ahead of the Solar Ordinance due to time) Jason Fisher approached the PC Committee on having an amendment to his Special Use, (which will be the second amendment to the SPU) to allow processing of loose metals which require a State F license. Fisher would also like to have a mobile crushing unit to be housed on site under a roofed structure to crush loose metals 1 to 2 times a month.

The PC Committee advised Fisher to contact the Zoning Administrator for a second amendment to his SPU with a site plan.

D. Solar Ordinance: The PC Committee discussed the need to enact a solar ordinance. Discussion pertained to limitations of size, area, acreage and etc....

Unfinished Business: Stolk asked about Hilltop Churches child care center. Supervisor Britton and Zoning Administrator indicated that no one has been in contact with the Township.

Extended Commissioners Comments: Stolk asked Supervisor Britton for an update on the Township. Britton discussed the building construction, involving roof, bricks, windows, and one beam that needs repair. She indicated how busy the VFW has become. She said the library lawn will be taken care of tomorrow, May 18th, 2023.

Adjournment: Without objection the Planning Commission was adjourned at 8:53. Wier made the motion and Wall seconded it. All-Yes, Absent: C. DeJong

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held September 20,2023

Recording Secretary: Susan VanEnk