

WRIGHT TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2022 - 7:30 PM

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Chairman Dausman. Also present at the meeting; Steve Van Timmeren, Brad Anderson, Steve Gray, Ken Zahm. Theresa Frank was there to take minutes of the meeting.
2. No parking in the reserved fire spaces was announced.
3. Additions to the agenda; None
4. Anderson motioned to approve the Planning Meeting Minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022; Gray supported. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Public Comments; None
6. The business of the meeting was to accept a request from Nielsen Enterprises to review a site plan for a new building at parcel number 70-06-30-300-001, address 15520 – 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. Coopersville, MI 49404. The applicants present were; Audrey Monroe, with Nielsen Enterprises, Robert Lamer, with Exxel Engineering, and Mark Hoefakker, builder with Sand Creek Construction. Mr. Hoefakker let the Commissioners know what they were requesting of the Commission. After which there was much discussions, including questions regarding the ponds, and the height of the building. At this time Mr. Lamer let the Commission know that the ponds have all been tested, they are retention ponds and have been approved, also the height of the building meets the requirements. After more questions and answers, and going through the Planner, and Engineering memos the Commission was ready for a Motion.

Steve VanTimmeren motioned to approve the site plan with the following conditions;

1. The applicant must meet the content of the Fire Department review letter dated February 16, 2022. *included*
2. The applicant must meet the content of the Township Engineer review letter dated February 28, 2022. *included*
3. The final approval of stormwater controls must be provided by the Ottawa County Water Resource Commissioner prior to construction.
4. All Federal, State, County and local regulations and ordinances must be met.

Gray supported this motion, all ayes, motion is approved.

After the motion Mr. Hoefakker questioned if the applicant had to have the curbed islands in the parking lot. He explained that they become destroyed, and quite bad looking from snowplowing around them in the winter. After discussion with Julie Lovelace (Fresh Coast Planning), and looking through the ordinances it was determined that it would be alright to make changes to the site plan. Gray made a motion to allow, at the applicant's discretion, to modify the existing site plan print to show an exchange of the curbed islands, for the required number of trees planted on the north side of the parking lot. Zahm supported, all ayes, motion was approved.

Per Chair Dausman the township will need three (3) new prints with the changes. Applicant can drop the new prints off at the township office.

7. Commission Member Comments; Commissioner VanTimmeren reported how a neighboring township had to approve a four hundred (400) person migrant worker housing building in their township because they did not have an ordinance to prevent it. He wanted to know if we had an ordinance to prevent that in the Township of Wright. Because of changes in how the migrant workers now come to work at the farms, he felt we should take a look at our ordinance to make sure we can still prevent these large housing units in the township. Lovelace commented that she can provide a copy of a drafted ordinance (done through a lawyer from another township), for the board to look at. She will provide it to Frank, and she will share it with the Commissioners. VanTimmeren also wanted to know if the board approved the ARPA covid money from the government for the township. Anderson replied that yes, the board did accept the money. VanTimmeren had a concern that by accepting the money the township will have to comply to anything the government mandates, vaccinations etc. The commissioners will be supplied with the ARPA rules information to look over.

Commissioner Gray asked what the meeting with the township lawyer that was coming up was about. It was reported that it was just a meeting for all to go over the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner/Trustee Anderson passed out the Master Plan from 2017 to the other commissioners letting them know it was time to start the five (5) year review of the Master Plan. They will start this next month.

8. In communications from the Township Board Anderson reported that the Township Board meeting this month had many questions, comments, and concerns regarding the purchase of land for the township. Some comments were positive, but many were negative.

9. Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. was made by Gray and supported by Anderson. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Theresa Frank, Meeting Recorder.

*(Any documents referenced in these minutes are on file in the Clerk's office)*