

Portland Township Planning Commission Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Ross Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll was taken by Sue Van Lente:

Present: Sue Vanlente, Andrew Huhn, Tony Dixon, Evelyn Walkington-Jensen, Ross Schneider, and Marcy Lay

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tony Dixon, seconded by Andrew Huhn, all were in favor.

Public Comments: N/A.

Old Business:

Master Plan Update

Two additional changes were made to the proposed Master Plan:

1. A legend was added to the Township road map
2. Davenport University in Lansing and Montcalm Community College were added to the list of schools

Also, changes were made to the Master Plan map.

Jeanne will send out all notices and a public hearing will be scheduled for February or March.

New Business:

Portland Poured Walls

Bob Lenneman has asked to have 10.52 acres on Knox Road rezoned to Commercial. Motion to hold a public hearing on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. by Marcy Lay, seconded by Evie Walkington-Jensen. All were in favor.

Changes to the Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Tony Dixon, seconded by Andrew Huhn to make the following text amendments. All were in favor.

1. Article 10:C Commercial: Sec. 3.10.02 Allow businesses in the building and construction trade to be located in a Commercial district. Also, add Municipal Buildings as a permitted use in a Commercial district.
2. Article 8: R2 Medium Density Residential: Allow single family dwellings to be located in a Medium Density Residential district.
3. Article 10: C: Commercial: Sec. 3.10.02 Allow playfields such as soccer, football and similar to be located in a Commercial district.

A public hearing will be held on January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Dates for 2023

Motion by Marcy Lay, seconded by Tony Dixon to hold 2023 meetings on the following dates. All were in favor.

Public Hearing: January 17, 2023. Regular Meetings: March 15, June 7, September 6, and December 6

Sunset Ridge Discussion

Representatives of Sunset Ridge have contacted the Township Board about possibly purchasing 19 acres directly west of the existing development and adding more than 100 new homes. No one from Sunset Ridge attended this meeting, but PC members stated unofficially that they are unanimously opposed to any further development.

Public Comments: N/A

Planning Commission Member Comments: N/A.

Future Meetings: The next regular meeting will be held on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Marcy Lay, seconded by Andrew Huhn, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Van Lente, Secretary.