

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – MAY 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Larry Shaffer. He noted that a conditional use permit from Chris Hammersley, related to property on Ames Road near the southern border of the township has been provided, but it is incomplete and will not be acted upon at this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Shaffer, Lou Lundquist, Phil Bontrager, Jennie Irvine, Christine Lundquist and Jeff Cuthbertson (via zoom).

Julia Cogger from CUPPAD joined the meeting via zoom.

MINUTES: The minutes from April 21, 2022 were approved on a motion by Phil with support by Lou.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments at this time.

MASTER PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP DESIGN: The committee reviewed possible breakout sessions and timing provided by Julia Cogger. The proposed individual sessions are:

1. Housing & Economic Development
2. Energy & the Environment
3. Community Infrastructure & Services
4. Natural Resources & Recreation

After significant discussion, the commission agreed that the topics were significant enough to warrant a separate meeting on each one. Julia noted that this would complicate things a bit in relation to getting expertise from CUPPAD to the meetings to assist. Larry will work with her on which topics to schedule for various days based upon their availability to assist. It was noted by an audience member that it might be helpful to some people working if some meetings were during the afternoon and some in the evenings. The topics for each meeting will be scheduled after Julia determines who is available to attend for CUPPAD. A tentative schedule was agreed to as follows on a motion by Christine with support by Jennie:

- June 14 2:00 – 4:30 pm (Township Board meets in the evening)
- June 16 6:00 -8:30 pm
- June 21 2:00 – 4:30 pm
- June 23 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Larry asked if individual members wanted to be assigned as leads on each topic. It was agreed that since a separate meeting was being held for each topic, all members would be present and they could be treated like any other meeting with the chairperson taking the lead.

Once a schedule is finalized, it will be shared with the public so people can make arrangements to attend sessions of interest to them. It was suggested by the audience that it might be a good idea to provide notice via the post office for local residents. Larry will check out if this is possible.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm on a motion by Lou with support by Phil.

