

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairperson Larry Shaffer. He welcomed Julia Cogger from CUPPAD to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Griswold, Phil Bontrager, Christine Lundquist, Larry Shaffer, Jeff Cuthbertson, Jenny Irvine, Lou Lundquist

AGENDA: The agenda was approved on a motion by Christine with support by Jenny.

MINUTES: The minutes from September 29, 2022 were approved on a motion by Nancy with support by Phil.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

MASTER PLAN LOOSE DRAFT PRESENTATION BY JULIA: Jeff asked that page numbers be added to the table of contents in future drafts. Julia asked if the members could suggest someone to review the “history” section. Lou suggested Jimmy Carter if he is available. Christine noted her name was missing from the list of Commission members. She also suggested that the word “larger” be added on page 17 to indicate people would like a bigger store, as a grocery does exist. She also noted a correction to the graph on page 16.

Jeff spoke about the North Shore Lodge property and the potential need for special zoning attention as the cost of redeveloping the motel or razing and selling as residential lots will be extremely high.

Larry commented on “complete street” planning which includes vehicle, pedestrian, biking, signage, etc.

Jeff asked about the tax effect of homes shifting from vacation to primary residence. Jenny noted this also affects school funding.

Julia noted that when looking at projects like the sewer system, it is important to consider what can be done at the same time, such as street water runoff systems, road and walkways, etc.

Jeff asked about the airport and if the Township had considered a paved runway as it is necessary for some planes. Lou suggested it is not currently planned. Heather, the Township’s Office Administrator and Airport Manager indicated it had been looked at in the past.

Julia asked the Commission members to put together ideas for the “toolkit” section. Larry suggested sending them directly to Julia and not to all members. It was agreed that comments should be submitted by October 20th.

Larry indicated the need to schedule another meeting soon. Heather noted that the Community Center is booked pretty solid in October. Larry will work with the Township to come up with a date in late October or early November.

PUBLIC COMMENT: An audience member asked if the draft is available to the public yet. Larry indicated it would be preferable if it was not distributed yet as it is a very rough draft, but indicated a copy could be kept at the Township office if someone wanted to look at it.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nancy with support by Lou.