

approved 7/9/2020

Au Train Township Planning Commission - Regular Meeting
January 23, 2020 - 7:00 pm, Au Train Township Hall

Members Present: Scott LaCombe, Duke Fillmore, Matt Lang, Bill Weisinger

Others Present: Michelle Doucette

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman LaCombe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Lang

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the December 19, 2019, PC meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Weisinger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Zoning Administrator's Report:

ZA J. McCarthy was not present. It was mentioned that the December 2019, ZA's report was previously emailed to members. The report is on file with the township clerk.

Old Business:

Zoning Ordinance

The PC continues to review and update the Au Train Township Zoning Ordinance. A draft of the ordinance was received from ZA McCarthy on Jan. 19th. M. Lang then met with Kim Rolfe on Jan. 22nd to determine what additional revisions to the draft ordinance are needed based on Kim's notes. The number of additional revisions are considerable. M. Lang will incorporate the revisions into the draft ordinance and email a new draft with some talking points to members prior to the next meeting.

Additional Zoning Ordinance items discussed:

1. Removing the term "Timber Production", replacing it with "Resource Production"; and
2. Requesting that ZA McCarthy review *Article V Regulation of Signs* of the ordinance.

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New Business:

Election of Officers

PC Officers for 2020 are:

- Chairman - Scott LaCombe
- Vice Chairman - Duke Fillmore
- Secretary - Matt Lang

Schedule Public Hearing

A public hearing was scheduled for Feb. 20, 2020. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a CUP application submitted by Jacob and Erin Miller, owners of property located at 5376 Woodland Avenue in Au Train. Jacob and Erin would like to use the property as a year round vacation rental.

Public Comment:

M. Doucette mentioned that the PC consider adding a "Cannabis Club" definition to the Zoning Ordinance. M. Doucette also mentioned that ZA McCarthy is handling blight complaints received by the township board.

Additional Planning Commission Member Comments:

M. Lang mentioned that the PC Bylaws need to be revised and requested that an item be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

S. LaCombe suggested that we place a signup sheet at future PC meetings. Members of the public in attendance would be encouraged to sign the sheet. Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting would be required to sign the sheet.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Lang

Motion Carried Unanimously at 8:00 pm.

Acronyms used in this document: CUP - Conditional Use Permit, PC - Planning Commission, ZA - Zoning Administrator