

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of July 16, 2019

Call to Order: Chairman Engelberg called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. At the Karl Richter Community Center, Holly Area Schools Board Room, 920 E. Baird St, Holly Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Tony Engelberg, Chairman
Pam Mazich, Commissioner
Glen Mitchell, Commissioner
Ray Kerton, Commissioner
Pat Feeney, Commissioner
Stacey Steckley, Commissioner
Lloyd Kernen, Commissioner

Others Present:

Doug Plachcinski, Planner
Irvin Wyche, Assistant Planner
Karin Winchester, Clerk/Zoning Adm.
George Kullis, Township Supervisor

Members Absent:

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to excuse Commissioner Feeney’s absence. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Agenda Approval:

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Steckley supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only: N.A.

Public Hearings: Michigan Renaissance Festival to Operate a Festival and other Events on Parcel Number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District.

- **Commissioner Mazich made a motion to open the hearing on Michigan Renaissance Festival to Operate a Festival and other Events on Parcel Number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to close the hearing on Michigan Renaissance Festival to Operate a Festival and other Events on Parcel Number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District. Commissioner Kernen supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2019.

Chairman Engelberg stated that last meeting Commissioner Kernen had emailed him to let him know he would not be at the meeting, but he did not see it. He would like the minutes to reflect that he did get an email prior to the meeting regarding his absence.

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Kerton supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 6/0 vote.**

Commissioner Feeney arrived at 6:42 pm.

Communications: Notice dated June 6, 2019 from Grand Blanc Township re: Master Plan Update.

Old Business:

- 1. Proposed Amendment to Holly Township Zoning Ordinance Chapter 32 Zoning, Section 32-143: Seasonal Sales.**

Irvin Wyche, a Township Planner, gave an update on the language used for the ordinance, as previously discussed. He will bring in the parking ordinance next month to further the discussion.

- 2. Agritourism.**

Irvin Wyche and Doug Plachcinski, Township Planners, gave out an overview of the changes discussed at the prior meeting as well as what other communities are doing on a spreadsheet. They will review the information and come back to discuss it at the next meeting.

New Business:

- 1. Michigan Renaissance Festival Special Land Use and Site Plan Application to Operate a Festival and other Events on Parcel Number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District.**

Doug Plachcinski, Township Planner, provided an overview of the Festival Site Plan Application details. He suggested to approve the application with three outstanding issues that need to be followed up on. The Lahring Rd, North entrance, additional parking. The Pathway between the jousting area which is over the wetlands. And the Non-active weekend special events. Jason Parker, the Site Manager at the Renaissance Festival, spoke about how they are addressing these items.

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to approve the Michigan Renaissance Festival Special Land Use and Site Plan Application to Operate a Festival and other Events on Parcel Number 01-12-476-002 in an AGRE Zoning District and to have them include a storm water and soil erosion plan by next year. Chairman Engelberg supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Reports:

Commissioner Kernen stated that a Grand Blanc Township Planner had mentioned that Baldwin Road would be expanded to four lanes all the way down to US-23. This will be something to look out for, traffic wise.

Chairman Engelberg stated he attended a Planners gathering in Madison Heights about a month ago. There is a citizen's course for each governmental department such as the fire station, the Clerk's Office...etc. which are designed to educate the community and recruit new people to join various boards. He is hoping that something like that could start in Holly and be beneficial to the citizens here as well.

Public Comment:

George Kullis, Township Supervisor, addressed the Board.
Angie Lemon, 116 College St, addressed the Board.

Adjournment

Chairman Engelberg, hearing no other business; adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Courtney Scian
Recording Secretary