

Holly Township
Planning Commission – Regular Meeting
Minutes of January 7, 2020

Call to Order: Chairman Engelberg called the regular meeting of the Holly Township Planning Commission to order at 6:36 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
Ray Kerton, Commissioner
Pat Feeney, Commissioner
Stacey Steckley, Commissioner
Lloyd Kernan, Commissioner
Glen Mitchell, Commissioner

Others Present:

John Jackson, Planner
Lisa Hamameh, attorney

Agenda Approval:

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Mitchell supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Public Comment – Agenda Items Only: none.

Minutes:

Commissioner Feeney stated that a correction to his report is needed. Stating that he apologized to the Planner for a lecture by other Township Board members.

- **Commissioner Mazich made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3, 2019 as amended. Commissioner Kernan supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Commissioner Steckley stated that in the interest of the following Agenda item of Planning and Zoning Presentation by John Jackson, it would be productive to switch items one and two.

- **Commissioner Steckley made a motion to switch New Business items 1 and 2. Chairman Engelberg supported the motion. A voice vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

1. Planning and Zoning Presentation.

Supervisor Kullis addressed the Planning Commission regarding the presentation by John Jackson of McKenna. The Township had also invited the Township Attorney Lisa Hamameh to attend this presentation to address or clarify any questions from a legal standpoint.

John Jackson of McKenna, presented to the Planning Commission as to his position, the position of McKenna a community planning firm and the roles of the Planning Commissioners. Julie would be moving forward as the Holly Township Planner to replace Doug Plachcinski. Julie is a 10-year veteran of planning with a Masters from the University of Michigan in Urban Planning.

Mr. Jackson presented a comprehensive power point presentation to the Planning Commission on various aspects of Planning and Zoning, roles and responsibilities, the roles of the Planning Commissioners, Planner and Attorney. Mr. Jackson informed the Commissioners about the Master Planning process, the need for a strong Master Plan and the proper uses of a community Master Plan.

Discussion between the Commissioners, the Planner and the Attorney regarding certain aspects of Planning and Zoning continued throughout the presentation. Touching on communication, and various other concerns. The Commissioners thanked the representatives from McKenna and the Township Attorney for their involvement and the presentation.

2. Election of Officers.

The Recording Secretary read the bylaws aloud for the Planning Commission, defining the officers and their duties. The Planning Commission votes for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Commissioners had a short discussion regarding the current officers. Commissioner Mitchell stated he would like to make a motion to re-elect the current officers for another year; Chairman Engelberg, Vice-Chairperson Steckley and Secretary Kerton accepted the nominations.

- **Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to re-elect Tony Engelberg as the Chair, Stacey Steckley as the Vice-Chair and Ray Kerton as the Secretary for the Planning Commission. Commissioner Mazich supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all those present voted yes; the motion carried by a 7/0 vote.**

Reports:

Commissioner Mazich asked if there had been an alternate member assigned by the Township Board. Currently, there is not an alternate member.

Commissioner Mitchell wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Steckley took the opportunity to apologize to the Holly Township administration for the

context of previous comments and stated that she has a great respect for the jobs that they do.

Chairman Engelberg stated he looked forward to a new year with effective communication and civil discourse.

Public Comment:

Adjournment

Chairman Engelberg, hearing no other business; adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Amy Hillman
Recording Secretary