

Vergennes Township Planning Commission Minutes

Monday October 2, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Vergennes Township Hall

10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell, MI 49331

6:00pm- Penny Rosema started the meeting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present- Rick Gillett, Bill Makuski, Penny Rosema; Absent- Scott Jernberg.

Approval of Minutes- B. Makuski motioned and R. Gillett supported to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting.

Approval of the Agenda- R. Gillett motioned and B. Makuski supported to approve the agenda as written.

1. **Review Draft of Master Plan (5 year Review/Update)**-P. Rosema went through her notes she had made on the master plan. The commission discussed with the substitute planner, Nathan Mehmed, some dates and years in question as well as adding in major projects such as the fiber being run by Vergennes Broadband and some of the new businesses' in the industrial park.
2. **Review of Draft Ordinance Amendments**
 - a. **Landscape Business Use- Add to Commercial and Industrial Districts-** R. Gillett motioned and B. Makuski supported to have a public hearing on November 6, 2017 for this ordinance amendment. All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - b. **Senior Housing as an Added Use to the RA and /or Other District-** The commission discussed the many issues regarding this ordinance change including the lack of sanitary sewer and water. R. Gillett motioned and B. Makuski supported to table this discussion until the November 6, 2017 meeting. All Ayes. Motion Passed.
 - c. **Wireless communication Facilities-** Township resident Sandi Miles spoke to the commission regarding her concerns of the draft amended ordinance and gave suggestions for what she would like to see added. The commission will look at and consider adding the suggested changes to the amendments.

R. Gillett motioned and B. Makuski supported to table the discussion until the November 6, 2017 meeting. All Ayes. Motion Passed.

3. Existing Ordinance Review

- a. **Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance- Update on Amending-** The planner is still working on research for this update.

4. Review New Amendment

a. Lot Area Acreage- The commission asked that Andy, the regular planner, bring an update on the wording for this amendment and they will pick the conversation back up at the November 6, 2017 meeting.

5. Any Other Business- P. Rosema lightly discussed what she learned about medical marijuana at the MTA meeting she attended. She will brief the commission with more information at the November 6, 2017 meeting.

Announcements- The joint meeting between Lowell Charter Township, City of Lowell, and Vergennes Township will be held at Lowell Charter Township on October 23.

General Public Comment- There were no general public comments at this time.

Adjourn Meeting- B. Makuski motioned and R. Gillett supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. All Ayes. Motioned Passed.