



Vergennes Township

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Planning Commission August 8, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Makuski at 7:01 p.m. followed by the pledge.

Roll Call - Present – Post, Hoffman, Gillett and Makusi, Peel's absence was excused.

Hoffman motioned to approve the agenda (with the correct date on the minutes to be approved). Gillett supported the motion. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Post motioned to approve the July 11, 2022, minutes as presented. Hoffman supported the motion. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Arrowhead Golf Course Special Exception Use Permit Public Hearing Opened at 7:04 p.m.

LRE made their Driving Range presentation with updates addressing some of the concerns from the last Planning Commission meeting including;

- Kent County Road Commission permit to remove south drive and bring north drive up to code
- KC Drain Commission permit approved
- KC Health Department permit received for septic, waiting on well permit
- Hours – would like to close at 9 p.m.
- Parking lot additions – added overflow event parking and reconfigured parking near current south entrance – now total 132 parking spaces

Public Hearing Comments –

1. Greg Canfield – 403 N. Washington, City of Lowell – Stated his first job was at Arrowhead, business is good for the community
2. Matt Tiede – 910 Parnell Ave NE – son works there, he has golfed there for years, good to improve options for outdoor activity and good for the township
3. Michelle Abring – 2223 Alden Nash Ave NE – Likes Arrowhead, but concerned about traffic on Alden Nash, the driveway, how lighting will change the night sky, and if there will be a restaurant bringing added traffic. Knows business needs to progress and improve but wants to continue the enjoyment of the country neighborhood.

4. Ellie Sluss – 4935 Deer Haven Park Dr, Boston Township – on high school golf team, went to state, would like to see team have this kind of practice facility.
5. Dave Clark – 712 Lincoln Lake, City of Lowell – golfed at Arrowhead since 1978, AH good about making constant improvements, good for the community, has gone to places with simulators, glad to see AH doing it, great thing for adults and students, all for it.
6. Hugh Jenkins – 1910 Alden Nash Ave NE – recently moved in next to driving range, great thing for the community
7. Marie Kutzli – 13736 Thompson – likes the taxes coming into the community, wants to see the old sign (on Lincoln Lake) replaced with new sign, thinks this is a good thing for the community.

Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

Planning Commission discussed updates to the site plan. Concerns remain regarding liquor license and lighting. Liquor license between Arrowhead and the state. Lighting – planning building lighting, but nothing projecting out into driving range. Targets to be self-lit, ball path not to be lit. Glow in the dark balls are a future possibility. Pergolas to be 3 seasons, no lighting needed. Lighting may be needed in parking lot.

Chad Sluss – 4935 Deer Haven Park Dr, Boston Township – stated that he thinks this is good for the community and good to bring in tax money

Josh Bruwer explained that at the core Arrowhead wants to extend the golfing season and technology, trying to evolve and be sustainable as a business. The world will pass them by if facility stays at 1963 technology.

Zoning administrator Carrigan and PC Chair Makuski pointed out that site plan needs to include everything.

Makuski motioned to continue at next meeting if health department well permit is approved and LRE has lighting plan in place. When site plan is complete and all permits are approved, Planning Commission can then send to Township Board.

Post motioned to adjourn and was supported by Hoffman. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Shantell Ford, Clerk


Date Approved