

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION
Planning Commission
Regular - Electronic Meeting Minutes

A regular-electronic meeting of the Charter Township of Union Planning Commission was held on October 19, 2021, as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Albrecht (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
Buckley (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
Darin (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
Fuller (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
LaBelle (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
Lapp (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)
Shingles (location: City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, MI)
Squatrito (location: City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, MI)
Thering (location: Union Township, Isabella County, MI)

Others Present

Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director; Peter Gallinat, Zoning Administrator; Tera Green, Administrative Assistant

Approval of Agenda

Fuller moved Lapp supported to approve the agenda with an amendment under New Business, item 8.A. **Vote: Ayes: 9. Nays: 0. Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes

LaBelle moved Albrecht supported to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 21, 2021, with a correction to the Roll Call Vote under New Business, item C. **Vote: Ayes: 9. Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

Correspondence / Reports/ Presentations

- A. Board of Trustees updates by Thering – Thering updated the commissioners on the Board of Trustee meetings and Public Hearings.
 - B. ZBA updates by Buckley –The October ZBA meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items; there will be no meeting in November.
 - C. Sidewalks and Pathway Prioritization updates by Darin – No updates given.
 - D. Presentation by David Coyne and James Bloomquist on a new Solar Energy Panel.
- David Coyne and James Bloomquist gave a presentation, proposing to increase the maximum height allowed for a new Solar Energy Panel Unit.

Public Comment

Open 7:50 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 7:51 p.m.

New Business

A. PSPR21-18 County Jail Sheriff's Office – Final Site Plan Application

- a. Updates from staff and the applicant
- b. Commission deliberation and action (approval, denial, or approval with conditions)

Nanney provided updates to the Commissioners on the PSPR21-18 Final Site Plan Application for the new Isabella County Jail and Sheriff's Office. The applicants, Darrel DeHann of Integrated Architecture, Troy Grunder of Rowe Engineering, and Sheriff Main were available for questions from the Commissioners and to provide information from the Isabella County Road Commission.

Buckley moved Fuller supported to approve the PSPR21-18 final site plan from Isabella County for the new Isabella County Jail and Sheriff's Office on approximately 44.58 acres of land (parcel numbers 14-024-10-001-02 & -003-00) on the south side of E. Remus Rd. in the northwest quarter of Section 24 and in the R2-A (One- and Two-Family) zoning district, finding that the September 30, 2021 site plan can comply with applicable Zoning Ordinance requirements for final site plan approval, including Sections 14.2.P. (Required Site Plan information) and 14.2.S. (Standards for Site Plan Approval), subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed temporary relief from sidewalk construction and proposed landscaping modification are approved as presented on the final site plan.
2. Provide the remaining documentation of outside agencies permits or approvals from the Township Public Services Department, Isabella County Road Commission, and State of Michigan to the Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of a building permit.
3. Provide the required documentation of compliance with the condition of the approved special use permit for "Completion of the...additional width, surface, and turnaround area improvements along the remaining length of E. Remus Rd. to US-127" to the Zoning Administrator prior to issuance of a building permit.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Buckley, Darin, Fuller, LaBelle, Lapp, Shingles, Squattrito and Thering. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comments

Open – 8:56 p.m.

Jim Horton, Isabella County Commissioner, thanked the Planning Commission for taking the time and diligence to help the County out on the County Jail and Sheriff's Office and deliberating so thoroughly.

Closed – 8:57 p.m.

Final Board Comment

LaBelle – Commented on the Planning Commission’s agenda format

Darin – Appreciated Dave Coyne and the presentation on the new Solar Energy Panel Unit

Buckley – Echoed Darin’s comment on the presentation

Lapp – Inquired on the process of changing the Zoning Ordinance.

Darin – Asked about the construction on west M-20 near McGuirk’s.

Adjournment – Chairman Squattrito adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

(Recorded by Tera Green)

Doug LaBelle – Secretary

Stan Shingles – Vice Secretary