

May 8, 2019

The Portage Township Planning Commission (PC) May 8, 2019 meeting was called to order by chair Melanie Watkins at 7:00 PM. Present were Watkins, Ted Soldan, Dave Rulison, Jeff Koski, John Ligon, and Peggy Anderson. Guests Gary Lubinski, and John Ollila were also present.

Gary Lubinski again addressed the commission about the Pilgrim River Development LLC project. He told the commission that he believed the project had been approved by the township 12 years ago, but that the minutes from the relevant meeting were lost, so requested approval by the planning commission.

John Ollila addressed the commission next with a proposal to fix the problem. Since this project is located in a rural residential zone, and rural residential does not currently allow for condominium platts, John suggested adding wording under special use in the rural residential section of the zoning ordinance that would allow for such development.

Jeff Koski made a motion to add the following under the special use section of the rural residential section of the zoning ordinance, "Land divisions according to Condominium Act of 1978." The motion was seconded by Rulison and passed unanimously.

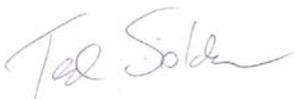
The following steps will be required to make this addition an approved part of the zoning ordinance:

- 1) A notice will be published in the Mining Gazette with the date and time of a public hearing on the proposed wording addition to the ordinance. This notice must be in the paper at least 15 days before the hearing, which is currently scheduled to be held prior to the regular planning commission meeting on May 30, 2019 at the township office.
- 2) Following the public hearing, the planning commission can vote to send this proposed wording up to the township board for approval. This vote could happen as soon as the regular June 10 meeting of the township board.
- 3) Following the board's approval, this development can then be resubmitted to the planning commission for approval.

The commission also talked about the master plan update. Copies of the current master plan were passed out, and it was suggested that planning commission members read through it and bring ideas to the May 30 meeting.

A motion was made by Jeff Koski at 8:09 to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Soldan and passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ted Soldan, Secretary

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1. Ted Selden
2. Dave Ralston
3. JEFF KOSKI
4. Melanie Watkins
5. Peggy Lee Ansel
6. Gary Lubinski - GUEST
7. John Ollila
8. John Ligon