

Portage Township Planning Commission

Minutes, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 8, 2023

Present: Boerman, Cronin, Sherry, Soldan, Anderson

Absent: Griffis

Public Present: Ollila

- **Public Hearing Called to Order by Soldan at 7:00pm**
 - Ollila supports proposed changes to zoning ordinance. No other public in attendance.
 - **Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing by Boerman, seconded by Sherry. Carried**
 - **Public Hearing closed at 7:01pm.**
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1. **Regular meeting called to order by Soldan at 7:02pm**
 2. Addition to Agenda: Don McClean update on River Trails Development. To be discussed after review of minutes.
 3. Review of Minutes: Ollila should be listed as “public” when documenting his presence, otherwise no changes.
 - **Motion to accept May 11 minutes as amended by Anderson, seconded by Sherry. Carried.**
 4. No public comments
 5. Ollila presented on requested changes for stormwater management calculations for River Trails Development. Request to use Rational Method instead of TR-55. Discussion held. It was noted that this is a very complex question and in the future the PC should be presented with such issues in time to review details.
 - Anderson commented that the PC should receive all such requests with at least two weeks of lead time before a vote is held. In the past this model has worked well for the PC and it should be re-established. The Planning Commission agreed unanimously that this procedure should be put back in place.
 - In this specific case, however, it was decided that the Rational Method is acceptable based upon the comments of trusted experts and staff.
 - **Motion to accept the the change in stormwater calculation as presented by Boerman, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried.**
 - **Aye: Anderson, Boerman, Soldan**
 - **Nay: None**
 - **Abstention: Cronin, Sherry**
 6. Zoning Administrator John Ollila walked the Planning Commission through proposed corrections to the zoning ordinance. Discussion held.
 - **Motion to accept proposed corrections by Anderson, seconded by Boerman. Carried**
 7. Ollila on permitted uses by zones. Soldan will do some research on other Zoning Ordinances in UP Charter Townships. PC members will review B1, #2, and MU zones prior to next meeting.
 8. No Public comments.

9. Motion to Adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Boerman. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted

Will Cronin, PC Member