Ash Township

Carleton, Michigan

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting: February 20, 2024

The Regular meeting of the Ash Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present- Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Stumpmier, Z. Carmack, R. Carmack, D. Kecskes, J. Langton, J. Geiermann

EXCUSED: J. Booth, C. Collert

ALSO PRESENT: Planner Young, Zoning Administrator Willis, 4 citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Stumpmier, supported by Smith to approve the minutes as presented of the June 20, 2023 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Geiermann, supported by Langton to approve the agenda as amended adding under New Business, 5- Don Kecskes. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A Site Plan Review for parcel 5801-001-025-00, commonly known as 14041 Telegraph Rd, owned by Flat Rock Racing Association, Inc. for the proposed use for off-season (September-April) manufacturer vehicle storage.

Motion by Kecskes supported by R. Carmack to remove from table. Planner Young was asked to review the revised site plan for the commission by Chairman Smith. In his February 14, 2024 review letter, some of the concerns the planner had from the last submission were clearly stated and or shown on the revised plan. The applicant and his engineer were present and answered additional questions from the planner and commission. After some discussion the following motion was offered. A motion by R. Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve a revised site plan for Parcel #5801-001-025-00 contingent upon 1. Any temporary security lighting must follow basic lighting requirements per the zoning ordinance and will require administrative review and approval. 2. Frontage trees per the zoning ordinance will be required along Telegraph to screen storage areas to be installed by December 31, 2024. 3. Frontage trees per the zoning ordinance will be required along Newburg Rd to screen storage areas to be installed by December 31, 2025. 4. Submit landscaping plan for administrative review and approval. Voice vote taken. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Burning fees for the newly adapted Burning Ordinance – Discussion only. Zoning Administrator Willis will check with other local municipalities about their burning ordinance fees and how they are applied. She will also talk with Fire Chief Fahnestock about an acceptable fee schedule.
2. Set meeting dates and time for 2024. All meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 and 12/17. All meetings will begin at 6:30 pm. Motion by Smith supported by Stumpmier to approve the meeting dates as needed. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.
3. Election of officers of 2024 - Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. Motion by Geiermann supported by Langton to retain Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Stumpmier in their positions for the 2024 year. Voice vote take. Motion carried
4. Don Kecskes- After serving 20 years on the Planning Commission Don informed the commissioners that is meeting would be his last meeting. Chairman Smith thanked him for his many years of service. No motion was offered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Weber - Property owner at Sigler/Telegraph Rd spoke about the upcoming rezoning of his parcel.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Langton, supported by R. Carmack to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Jennifer Willis

Ash Township Zoning Administrator