

Township of Lapeer Planning Commission

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May 20, 2013

Chairman Roodvoets called the Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman Tim Roodvoets, and Commissioners Phil Thick, Dan Gingell and John Rutzen.
Absent: Absent: Vice-Chairman Kenneth Ewing, Secretary Deborah Cady and Commissioner, Sandra Lackey-Jarvis.

Other attendees: Chris McLeod, Community Planning & Management, Planning Consultant
Dawn Walker, Lapeer Township Clerk and recording secretary

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.
A roll call vote was taken with a quorum present.

Public Time: Chairman Roodvoets opened the meeting for public time.
No one appeared wishing to address the Planning Commission during public time.
Public time was closed at 7:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Commissioner Thick, support by Commissioner Gingell to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2013. A vote was taken. All in favor; four (4). Absent; three (3). Motion carried.*

Old Business: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments, Pathway/sidewalks

Chairman Roodvoets noted that the public hearing on the proposed amendments was held at the April 15, 2013 meeting.

Planner McLeod stated that he corresponded with Linda Jackman, Planner for the City of Lapeer in regards to their ordinance requirements for sidewalks/pathways in the immediate area in question. The City of Lapeer requires a ten (10') foot wide path as this is the requirement on a state trunk line to receive any grant funding. The path would serve as an all-inclusive path; both bike and walking. He presented commissioners with the third draft of proposed ordinance amendments, dated May 15, 2013.

Questions arose from the commission in regards to the close proximity of a path location in regards to some businesses/houses in some instances along M-24. Note from Planner Chris McLeod; the path would be located in the road right of way. He also noted that within the annexation by choice area; all requirements should be equal whether Township or City.

Commissioner Thick asked for clarification in regards to the area in question being north of Newark road on M-24. Corrections to the third draft were suggested by commissioners as follows:

Entirely New Section

Section 1.43 Pathways Sidewalks

For those properties in the Township with frontage along M-24, north of Newark Road (Sections 7, 8, 18, 19 and 20), a ten (10) foot wide paved pathway sidewalk shall be provided along the entire frontage of the property anytime a site plan is required by Section 5.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. The outermost edge of the pathway sidewalk shall be constructed one (1) foot inside of the road right of way. The Planning Commission may accept alternate locations

and configurations for the pathway sidewalk location and size based on connecting to existing sidewalk/pathway segments, physical impediments, roadway and driveway improvements for access management. etc.

Motion by Thick, support by Gingell to recommend approval of; Section 1.43 Pathways; of the zoning ordinance amendment to the Lapeer Township Board of Trustees. A vote was taken. All in favor; four (4). Absent; three (3). Motion carried.

New Business: None received

Other Business: Park & Recreation

Discussion amongst the commission in regards to the recreation plan and grants in process to continue work on the park. The slope of the drainage basin behind the pavilion was discussed; it was noted by Planner McLeod that if the slope of the basin is 5:1 there is no need to fence it in. Signage and advertising for the park was discussed.

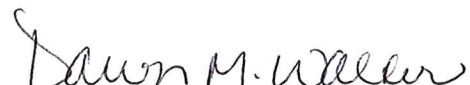
Correspondence: None received

Reports: Commissioner Rutzen reported in regards to the Township clean-up day.

Announcements: Board Meeting: June 10, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*


Deborah R. Cady, Secretary
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Dawn M. Walker, CMC
Recording Secretary