

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
May 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Hedwig Kaufman Thomas Fox Hillary Schmitz
Robert Thoma Ignazio Cuccia
Dennis Staelgraeve

Excused: Manfred Klein

Also present: Mark Mathe, Mannik & Smith Group, Township Engineer Representative
Chris D. Khorey, McKenna Associates, Township Planning Consultant
Jim McDevitt, Township Supervisor
Mark Baker, Township Clerk
Rhonda Sommers, Township Treasurer
Jack Lindquist, Township Trustee
Donald Lingar, Township Trustee
Hedwig Kaufman, Township Trustee
Mike Richardson, Mr. LED Signs, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.
Jason Sluyter, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.
Duane St Onge, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.
Brian Walz, MVG Inc. and a female Associate

Item No. 1 Call to order/Declaration of Quorum/Planning Commission.

A quorum was present; Chairman Ignazio Cuccia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held under the Open Meetings Act.

Item No. 2 Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum/Board.

The special meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00p.m., Supervisor Jim McDevitt stated a quorum was present.

Items No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of allegiance was observed.

Item No. 4 Agenda Approval.

Motion

Moved By: Hedwig Kaufman

Supported By: Thomas Fox

A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented.

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Item No. 5 Minutes of March 3, 2016.

Motion

Moved By: Robert Thoma

Supported By: Hedwig Kaufman

A motion was made to approve the minutes with the addition of Hillary Schmitz to the roll call for the minutes of March 3, 2016.

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Item No. 6 Presentation on Electronic Signs – Mike Richardson.

Mike Richardson, Mr. LED Signs, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.

Jason Sluyter, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.

Duane St Onge, Electro-Matic Signs Inc.

Mr. Richardson introduced Mr. Sluyter and Mr. Onge and gave his presentation to the Commission and the Board Members.

Discussion was held regarding the information as presented.

Mr. Richardson invited the members present to the parking lot for a live demonstration on LED signage.

After viewing the demonstration those present returned to Board room for further discussion.

Commission members will take into consideration the information and materials as presented during further workshop meetings to discuss amendments to the current Sign Article of the Zoning Ordinance.

Presenters were thanked for their time and input.

No further discussion.

Item No. 7 Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance updates.

McKenna Associates, Christopher Khorey

Power Point Presentation, Master Plan/Zoning Ordinance Updates

Mr. Khorey presented his power point regarding the status of the Master Plan and the Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion was had regarding the material as presented.

Commission will continue working on the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance during future workshop meetings.

No further discussion from those present regarding this matter.

Mr. Jim McDevitt introduced Mr. Brian Walz from Monroe Vinyl.

Mr. Walz has applied to the Building Department for a Sign Permit and is proposing a finish that is not covered by the current Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Walz had samples present of these materials for viewing.

Members present viewed samples and questioned materials used.

Commission members will include discussions regarding faux finishes for signs during future workshop meetings.

No further discussion.

Item No. 8 Adjournment/Board.

Motion

Moved By: Rhonda Sommers

Supported By: Mark Baker

A motion was made to adjourn the special meeting of the Township Board at 8:21 p.m.
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Item No. 8 Adjournment/Commission.

Motion

Moved By: Thomas Fox

Supported By: Dennis Staelgraeve

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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