FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

January 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call: Kraig Yoas Dennis Staelgraeve Fred Calkins

Ignazio Cuccia Paul Thoma Hillary Schmitz

Steve Hyder

Also present: Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith Group, Township Engineer Representative

Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, Township Planning Consultant

Natalie Askar, Planning Commission Recording Secretary

Nasser Choucair, NC Designers & Contracting Inc., Architect/Owner Ahmad Ali, Hennessey Engineers, Inc., Construction Operations Manager

5 interested citizens

A quorum being present, Chairman Ignazio Cuccia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. This meeting was held under the Open Meetings Act.

All those present were requested by Chairperson Cuccia to rise and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item No. 1 Agenda Approval.

Motion

Moved By: Dennis Staelgraeve Supported By: Kraig Yoas

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended and presented.

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Item No. 2 Election of Officers.

Motion

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia Supported By: Dennis Staelgraeve

A motion was made to nominate Hillary Schmitz as Secretary, close nomination and appoint Ms. Schmitz as Secretary for the 2019 year.

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<u>Motion</u>

Moved By: Ignazio Cuccia Supported By: Hillary Schmitz

A motion was made to nominate Dennis Staelgraeve as Vice-Chairman, close nomination and appoint Mr. Staelgraeve as Vice-Chairman for the 2019 year. MUC

Motion

Moved By: Paul Thoma Supported By: Dennis Staelgraeve

A motion was made to nominate Ignazio Cuccia as Chairman, close nominations and appoint Mr. Cuccia as Chairman for the 2019 year.

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Item No. 3 Minutes of December 20, 2018.

Motion

Moved By: Dennis Staelgraeve Supported By: Kraig Yoas

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the December 20, 2018 Planning Commission meeting as presented.

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Item No. 4 Public Hearing – Special Use: Parcel ID# 5807-009-036-00 and 5807- 009-037-00 for an automobile filling station at 7051 N. Monroe Street, which is located in the C-3, Highway Commercial zoning district.

Motion

Moved By: Hillary Schmitz Supported By: Paul Thoma

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A motion was made to accept and place on file the following correspondence:

- Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, dated January 7, 2019
- Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith Group of Michigan, dated December 20, 2018
- Submittal Documents
- Affidavit of Mailing (13 property owners were notified)
- Legal Notice, Monroe News, December 28, 2018

Nasser Choucair, NC Designers & Contracting Inc., approached to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, presented the Planner's report dated January 7, 2019. Mr. Ortega recommends that the Planning Commission approve the Special Use, conditioned on the following:

• Site Plan Approval, including the receipt of all variances determined to be required during the Site Plan Approval Process.

Mr. Thoma had questions re: parking spaces and retention of runoff for Mr. Ortega.

Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith Group of Michigan, Township Engineer, presented the engineer's report dated December 20, 2018. Mr. Buschmann had no objection to the Planning Commission granting re-approval of the proposed special use, subject to the comments set forth in his report.

Mr. Thoma had questions regarding the size of site and retention system for runoff.

Mr, Hyder had questions re: the zoning variance.

Motion

Moved By: Hillary Schmitz Supported By: Paul Thoma

A motion was made to open the public hearing at 7:17 pm.

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Ignazio Cuccia, Planning Commission Chairperson, asked if there were any citizens who wished to address the Commission as to the request.

One concerned citizen had questions regarding DEQ approval and had concerns about runoff to Stony Creek since (according to citizen) it was designated a" trout stream".

Motion

Moved By: Dennis Staelgraeve Supported By: Hillary Schmitz

A motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:24 pm.

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Motion

Moved By: Paul Thoma Supported By: Steve Hyder

A motion was made to grant approval for the special use for Parcel ID# 5807-009-036-00 and 5807-009-037-00 for an automobile filling station at 7051 N. Monroe Street, which is located in the C-3, Highway Commercial zoning district, with the understanding that the current ZBA variance is due to expire in April of 2019.

Roll Call: Cuccia - Yes, Staelgraeve - Yes, Schmitz – Yes, Yoas - Yes, Thoma - Yes, Hyder – Yes, Calkins – Yes.

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7 - Yes votes, 0 - No votes

Item No. 5 2018 Annual Report of Planning Commission to Township Board.

Planning Commission Members discussed the Annual Report.

Item No. 6 Zoning Ordinance Article Re: Lighting/Review and Discussion/Set Public Hearing

Planning Commission Members discussed the Zoning Ordinance regarding Lighting.

Item No. 7 Old Business.

No old Business was discussed.

Item No. 8 New Business.

There were no citizens remaining to open the floor for questions, comments or concerns to the Planning Commission Board.

Ignazio Cuccia, Planning Commission Chairperson, informed rest of board of the items to be on next month's agenda.

- Angelo's Chop House on Dixie Hwy Sign Ordinance Waiver
- Monroe Storage on Stewart Rd. (Designhaus, LLC) Tentative/Final Site Plan

Item No. 9 Administrative Reviews Update/Chairperson.

Mini Committee: none

• ZBA: none

Special Meeting: PEO Holdings, LLC – development of vacant lot on Macomb St. possible PUD

Item No. 10 Adjournment.

Motion

Moved by: Hillary Schmitz Supported By: Dennis Staelgraeve

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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