

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 6, 2019

The special meeting of the Planning Commission with the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Kraig Yoas Dennis Staelgraeve Fred Calkins
 Ignazio Cuccia Paul Thoma Hillary Schmitz
 Brian Dotson

Also present: Mark Mathe, Mannik & Smith Group, Township Engineer Representative
Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, Township Planning Consultant
Kerry Bondy, Petrangelo Bondy & Crossley, PC, Township Attorney
Natalie Askar, Planning Commission Recording Secretary
Mark Baker, Township Clerk
Jim McDevitt, Township Supervisor
Hedwig Kaufman, Township Trustee
Alan VanWashenova, Township Trustee
George Jondro, Monroe County Commissioner

1 interested citizen

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 7:00 p.m., Supervisor Jim McDevitt stated a quorum was present.

Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance

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

Item No. 4 Item No. 1 Agenda Approval.

Motion

Moved By: Dennis Staelgraeve Supported By: Hillary Schmitz

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

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Item No. 5 Township Board Motion #19.67 – 2018 Planning Commission Annual Report & Action Plan

Mr. Ignazio Cuccia, Planning Commission Chairman, opened discussion regarding the 2018 Planning Commission Annual Report and Action Plan and request from the Township Board that the Planning Commission clarify the request as to increased use of technology;

Planning Commission Chairman Cuccia referred to the Planner's report dated May 28, 2019 – SUBJECT: Planning Commission Technology Request which includes the following:

1. Digital Recording and Sound equipment with date and time stamp
2. With optional video/camera availability
3. For the system in the board room to be able to accept various types of output such as HDMI, mini HDMI, VGA etc.
4. For the system to be compatible with various different types of formatting
5. To be able to get the Planning Commission Packets electronically
 - a. FTP download link on website
 - b. Cloud links (subscription instead of new website)
6. Document Camera to replace the overhead projector.

Discussion was had regarding each item listed. Cost is to be the biggest concern.

Mr. McDevitt, Township Supervisor, suggested that Ms. Hillary Schmitz, Mr. Paul Thoma and the Townships Technical Support Team get together with him to determine if the Township's current system can handle the implementation of a Link for the Planning Commission Packets and other items that were requested.

Item No. 6 Township Board Motion #19.72

Mr. Ignazio Cuccia, Planning Commission Chairman, opened the discussion regarding Township Board Motion #19.72 concerning review of the Master Plan with regard to the designation of the former Nike Base Site.

Discussion was held regarding Planned Unit Developments (PUDs).

Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, presented the Planner's report dated May 28, 2019 – SUBJECT: Nike Site Master Plan Discussion. Mr. Ortega presented the existing zoning, existing Future Land Use Map and the existing section of the Master Plan related to the Nike Site.

Mr. Jondro shared with the Township Board and the Planning Commission that they have several studies being conducted at this time. Including a mass transit high speed railway system which would go from Toledo to Monroe to Detroit Metro Airport – branching off one to go to Ann Arbor and the other to go the Detroit with the end stop being in Traverse City.

Item No. 7 Adjournment/Board.

Motion

Moved By: Jim McDevitt

Supported By: Alan VanWashenova

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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Item No. 8 Adjournment/Commission.

Motion

Moved By: Dennis Staelgreave

Supported By: Hillary Schmitz

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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