

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
July 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call: Ignazio Cuccia Kraig Yoas  
Paul Thoma Brian Dotson

Excused: Hillary Schmitz Fred Calkins  
Absent: Dennis Staelgraeve

Also present: Mark Mathe, Mannik & Smith Group, Township Engineer Representative  
Mario Ortega, McKenna Associates, Township Planning Consultant  
Natalie Askar, Planning Commission Recording Secretary

2 interested citizens

A quorum being present, Chairman Ignazio Cuccia called the meeting to order at 7:01 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.

**Motion for acting Secretary in place of Hillary Schmitz due to absence.**

Moved By: Kraig Yoas

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A motion was made to appoint Paul Thoma to serve as acting Secretary for this meeting in the absence of Secretary Schmitz. Paul Thoma accepted.

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**Item No. 1 Agenda Approval.**

**Motion**

Moved By: Kraig Yoas

Supported By: Brian Dotson

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

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**Item No. 2 Minutes of June 20, 2019 Meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved By: Brian Dotson

Supported By: Kraig Yoas

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2019 Planning Commission meeting with a correction on page two in Roll Call to remove former Commissioner Hyder and replace him with Commissioner Dotson.

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**Item No. 3 Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Outdoor Lighting.**

Mr. Ortega presented the proposed changes to Zoning Ordinance 200 Section 4.38 on Outdoor Lighting.

The Commission further discussed.

Mr. Paul Thoma read the Legal Notice.

**Motion**

Moved By: Paul Thoma

Supported By: Kraig Yoas

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

- Legal Notice, Monroe News, July 2, 2019

**Motion**

Moved By: Paul Thoma

Supported By: Kraig Yoas

A motion was made to open the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

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

One concerned citizen approached and presented to the Commission providing them with documents supporting the Dark Skies initiative, corrections she would like to see implemented to the ordinance and flag pole lighting.

**Motion**

Moved By: Paul Thoma

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:55 pm.

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The Commission further discussed.

**Motion**

Moved By: Paul Thoma

Supported By: Kraig Yoas

A motion was made to table the recommendation to the Township Board in order to research and collect more information on outdoor lighting.

Roll Call: Cuccia – Yes, Yoas – Yes,  
Thoma – Yes, Dotson– Yes,

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4 - Yes votes, 0 - No votes

**Item No. 4 Zoning Ordinance: Review & Discussion – Solar Panels.**

**Motion**

Moved By: Kraig Yoas

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A motion was made to table the discussion on Zoning Ordinance 200 Section 4.39 regarding Solar Panels.

Roll Call: Cuccia – Yes, Yoas – Yes,  
Thoma – Yes, Dotson– Yes,

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4 - Yes votes, 0 - No votes

**Item No. 5 Old Business.**

No Old Business was discussed.

**Item No. 6 New Business.**

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

**Item No. 7 Administrative Reviews Update/Chairperson.**

Ignazio Cuccia, Planning Commission Chairperson, informed the Commission of the items proposed to be on next month’s agenda.

- No applicants for August.
- Outdoor Lighting Ordinance Section 4.38
- Solar Panel Ordinance Section 4.39
  
- **Mini Committee:** Burger King Renovations – N Telegraph and Welcome Way
- **ZBA:** 1) Garage Variance – Side Yard - passed  
2) Accessory Structure Variance - passed

**Item No. 8 Adjournment.**

**Motion**

Moved By: Kraig Yoas

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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