

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 4, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Seward called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

T. Joseph Seward, Chairperson
Debby Dehart, Secretary
Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson
Matt Slicker
Steve Anderson
Pete Meagher

Absent:

Scott Ruggles, Board Liaison
Rob Seeley
Mark Fine

Others:

Sean O'Neil, Community Development Director
Dave Hieber, WLT Assessor
Rowan Brady, Beckett & Raeder
Hannah Micallef, Recording Secretary

2 members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Meagher said the Approval of the Minutes should read "April 6, 2023."

MOTION by Commissioner Meagher, supported by Commissioner Dehart to approve the agenda as amended. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 6, 2023

Commissioner Meagher wanted to clarify on page 3 that the call to the public should read "closed to the public at 7:07 P.M."

MOTION by Meagher, seconded by Slicker to approve the minutes as amended. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairperson Seward opened the call to the public at 7:02 P.M. Seeing none, he closed the call to the public at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PA 116 Request for parcel 12-05-200-034

Assessor Hieber stated that the Ruggles family made a PA 116 application. He stated the property met the requirements, and the parcel was eligible for the program. Property owners were able to put their property into this agreement and dedicate the use of the property as a strictly farmland, and in return, the property owner would receive income credit taxes for entering in the program.

MOTION by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Carlock to recommend approval to the Township Board of the PA 116 Request for parcel 12-05-200-034 for a 10-year period. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Master Plan Update

Mr. Brady presented the Natural Features and Open Spaces chapter of the Master Plan. The Planning Commission discussed the feasibility of time of sale/transfer ordinance in regards to septic systems within the Township. He then went over a brief history of White Lake Township.

The next meeting would cover the Transportation chapter, and the meeting after would cover Future Land Use. Redevelopment sites would be discussed as well. A public open house would tentatively scheduled for the end of the summer to engage the community.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

LIAISON'S REPORT

The ZBA heard 5 cases last month. Two cases were approved, two cases were denied, and one case was tabled. 9 cases were placed on the agenda for this month, and the meeting would begin at 5:00 P.M.

The May Parks & Recreation meeting was canceled. There was hope that construction on Stanley Park would begin going into 2024.

The Sephora sign on Kohl's was approved by the Township Board. The property maintenance order was to be amended in regards to lawns that violated the ordinance. The notice would be posted in the paper, and would bypass the need for noticing the property owners and waiting on them to comply. The Township would be able to cut the grass on violating properties and charge the property owners more easily with the proposed amendment. The CIA amendment was headed to the Board for its second reading. The Planning Commissioners and Zoning Board of Appeals members received a pay increase to \$95.00 a meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Oakland Harvesters submitted their final site plans. West Valley and Lakepointe resubmitted their final site plans for review as well. The porkchop between McDonald's and Taco Bell would be installed next week. The CIA will meet again June 1st to review the draft TIF plan. The legal reviews of the contracts with McCarthy and Smith for the Civic Center district were underway this week.

COMMUNICATIONS

The May 18th meeting would most likely be canceled. The next meeting would tentatively be held on June 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Slicker, seconded by Commissioner Meagher, to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).