

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTAGE

Planning Commission Minutes

May 5, 2016

Members Present: Peggy Lee Anderson, Melanie Kueber Watkins, Constance Sherry, and Dave Rulison

Public Present: Jamey Markham – Range Bank Representative
Tim Purdy & Chris Holmes – UPEA Representatives
Ryan Patrick – UPEA Design Engineer

Called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. by Melanie Kueber Watkins

Discussion Items:

- Ryan Patrick presented updated information about the new bank building project especially addressing the changes in the most recent site drainage plans. UPEA stated that the predevelopment flow rate was 4 cfs (Storm frequency?). A six-inch pipe will meter out water in to a restrictor structure from the detention pond at a post development flow rate of 1.25 cfs (storm frequency?), and a overflow weir with a grate will allow water to enter a 12-inch pipe for the 100-year flood. UPEA stated that the site plans meet all the MDOT requirements with regards to drainage and traffic access.
- The setback variance has already been granted by the Portage Township Zoning Board of Appeals and UPEA stated that the additionally purchased lots (8 original lots) have also been reviewed and met zoning requirements.
- UPEA will complete a hazardous waste study prior to any excavation.
- Maps were passed out showing the location and elevation of the berm and catch basin, also the location of the lights and retaining walls. The lights will be LED and point directly down; 4 shoe-box in the parking lot and 2 wall LEDs.
- There is one ADA stall included in the number of parking stalls which meets our zoning requirements.
- The electronic signage has been changed /revised so it meets our zoning requirements too.
- A motion was made by Dave Rulison and seconded by Peggy Anderson to accept the plan contingent on review by Bruce Petersen upon his return next Monday, May 9, 2016.
- A discussion followed about whether or not raising chickens on Healy Street in Dodgeville was allowed by the new TWP Zoning Manual. According to section 2.19

found on page 19, raising farm animals, including chickens, is prohibited within this multi-family zoned district. The question of the horses adjacent to Abe's Supply was also discussed. Peggy found the most recent Zoning District Map and the Commission concurred that the area was zoned "Farm and Forest and thus the horses and their owners were in compliance.

- Lastly, the P.C. would like the latest copy of the Zoning Ordinance/Map sent to them as an attachment on-line. Additionally the Board requested paper copies, it was mentioned that it was possible that paper copies of the final ordinance and accompanying map were provided after the ordinance approval – meeting minutes should be reviewed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 6,, 2016 (Weds.) @ 7:00PM @ the TWP office.
- Dave Rulison called for an adjournment at: 8:25 P.M. Motion that was Seconded by Peggy Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Sherry
P.C. Secretary