

RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

JANUARY 25, 2021

To: Rives Township Board

From: Rives Township Planning Commission

Re: **2020 Annual Report Summary**

Planning Commission (PC) members

1. Chairman – Roger Decamp
2. Vice-chairman – Dwight Carmer
3. Secretary – Jim Lindstrom
4. Ex-officio member from TB (with full voting rights) Debbie Miller, January thru October
5. Ex-officio member from TB (with full voting rights) Christine Beecher, 1st meeting is Dec. 21, 2020
6. Member- Adam Williams

2020 Goals

1. Proceed to complete Solar Ordinance
2. Complete light Industrial Ordinance (Chapter 17) with consideration to sections 17.01, 17.23, and 17.99.
3. Conduct annual status review of open CUP's
4. Update Zoning Chapter 17 for correction of dates and State of Michigan preemptions.
5. Have joint workshop with TB/PC to foster communication.
6. Update Commercial District review.
7. Continue Zoning Map review of neglected and discontinued zoning.

January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

1. Report from TB that new outside auditor had been assigned by accounting firm after death of previous auditor
2. Election of 2020 PC officers
3. 2020 meeting dates and times established
4. 2019 annual PC report to the TB was presented to PC and discussed.
5. CUP history review was conducted from information compiled by Zoning Enforcer Steve Burnett.
6. 2020 goals for PC were established (7 goals)
7. Chairman conducted zoning book check and member training by reading some sections of Code of Ordinances.
8. 7 people gave public comments. Some topics a) public comments shouldn't be restricted to just agenda business, b) industrial drafts being reviewed should be available to attendees so they can follow PC deliberations, c) resident appreciated PC work on MP and power plant issue.

Length of meeting – 2 hours 53 minutes

7 people made public comment – 0 hours 18 minutes

February 24, 2020 – **Regular Meeting**

1. Mr. Carmer lead an ordinance review of private road or street
2. Draft #5 of the Industrial District ordinance was reviewed and discussed.
3. Mr. Williams lead discussion on Open Meetings Act (OMA) regulations and understanding of citizen's rights to make comment during the time allowed for public comment.
4. Guidelines for public comment were reviewed and affirmed.
5. 8 people gave public comment. Some topics a) concerns expressed regarding proposed industrial ordinance as it applied to individual's property, the waiver language, b) asked for attendees to be able to see drafts being reviewed by PC during their meeting business, c) comment of appreciation for OMA comments and discussion.

Length of meeting – 1 hour 32 minutes

8 people made public comment – 0 hours 17 minutes

Regular monthly meetings scheduled from March 23, 2020 through October 26, 2020 were cancelled by Michigan governor due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

November 23, 2020 – **Regular meeting**

1. Meeting held virtually via Zoom connection.
2. No Ex-officio appointed yet by TB.
3. Chairman read letter of appreciation for service of Debbie Miller whose term expired.
4. Draft #6 of the Industrial District Ordinance was reviewed and discussed by the PC.
5. 2 people made public comment: a) comment that PC isn't getting anything done, b) PC asked to make drafts being reviewed be made available to public.

Length of meeting _ 1 hour 5 minutes

2 people made public comment 0 hour 5 minutes.

December 21, 2020 – **Regular meeting**

1. Meeting held virtually via zoom.
2. First meeting for Christine Beecher, ex-officio member appointed by the TB.
3. Mr. Carmer reported that Frank Adamszyk appointment has filled opening on ZBA.
4. Chairman explained Roberts Rules of Order allowing "adoption of a motion or action without a motion by unanimous consent".
5. Proposed Light Industrial Zoning Ordinance amendments were discussed as presented in April 1, 2020 draft # 6. Various motions were approved to proceed to Public Hearing with proposed ordinance.
6. 2 people made public comments: a) comment regarding private drive ordinance, b) comment that proposed ordinance should be available prior to public hearing.

Length of meeting - 1 hour 53 minutes

2 people made public comment – 0 hour 14 minutes

