

GREEN LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP HALL
9700 RILEY ROAD
INTERLOCHEN, MI
January 23, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Schworm at 6:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was recited by all.
3. ROLL CALL: Board members present were Schworm, Schuster, Barck, Wilson, Klabunde and McDonald. Members excused, Dean. Also, present were Alycia Reiten, Planning and Zoning Director and Mary Jo Barck, Recording Secretary.
4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Barck, supported by Schuster to retain the current slate of officers. **Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Schworm asked that discussion regarding date change for February 27, 2024 meeting added after “Other Business”. **Motion by Schworm, supported by Klabunde to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion by Schuster, supported by Barck, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**
7. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Anderson 8877 Section Line Road
Mr. Anderson wished to review the lighting ordinance and asked why it does not apply to residential neighborhoods.
8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None
9. CORRESPONDENCE: None
10. OLD BUSINESS: None
11. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. SEP 24-001 – A request for a special event permit for the Interlochen Farmer’s Market located at 2048 M-137, Interlochen, MI and owned by Oleson Land Company, LLC.
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Ms. Frederick is the market manager and owner of market. The parking issues were resolved last year. Signage will no longer be placed on the old waterpark. McDonald raised concern about trash, hand towels thrown under the tree. Ms. Frederick answered they pick-up trash under that tree, trash that has accumulated all week, before opening the market. Schuster said they are doing a great job on parking, it's a great event. **Motion by Wilson, supported by Klabunde to approve SUP 24-001 as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

- b. SUP 23-002 – A request for the granting of an extension to a previously approved Special Use for four (4) multi-family units located at 9320 US Hwy 31, Interlochen, MI and owned by Becker and Hanson Holdings, LLC. The applicant is requesting an extension of one year. Staff explained the delay of MDOT final plans for US31 expansion resulted in delayed engineered plan for the water line. **Motion by Klabunde, supported by Barck to approve a one-year extension for SUP 23-002. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Reschedule of February 27, 2024 meeting. **Motion by McDonald, supported by Schuster to reschedule February 27, 2024 meeting to February 28, 2024. Change is due to election on February 27, 2024. Motion Carried Unanimously, voice vote.**

- b. Master Plan draft discussion

Staff said there are typos, spacing and formatting issues and she is aware. Also, Future Land Use Map is not currently in the packet tonight, but was sent separately to each member. Table 19 is also missing. Dr. Grobbel said will make sure it is in the next draft. He continued saying the document is “ours” now (the townships) and changes can be made by staff. He will make sure to send table 19. As far as content, he has not been made aware of any issues. It was recommended to schedule a public hearing for February 28, 2024 – changes can happen under public content, and those changes can be made by township. Staff sent to Dave Pennington and ICA for verification of accuracy. Dr. Grobbel said that information should have been brought to him months ago.

Discussion:

Schworm said he is not comfortable recommending this version to the Board. Staff recommended the public hearing be held in March. Dr. Grobbel said it is townships decision.

Barck complimented Dr. Grobbel saying this draft is more readable than previous versions. Suggest a lot of tweaks be sent to staff prior to next meeting. Barck also agrees the document is not ready to go to a public meeting. Barck would like a section on blight to be added. Dr. Grobbel said this is a 20-year vision – not a to do list.

Staff asked if transportation under the 20-year plan meets with Recreational Plan. She also noted Inland Township was missing under adjoining jurisdictions. This will be added. Also, staff asked about a vision statement, Dr Grobbel said this is a Master Plan, not a business plan.

