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Minutes of the Mason County Planning Commission meeting held at 5300 W. US 10, Ludington, December 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Andersen, Mike Shaw, Doug Robidoux, Dennis Dunlap, Tom Hooper, Jim Wincek

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Hull, Fabian Knizacky, Brady Selner

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Wincek.

Tom Hooper made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting as amended. Second by Janet Anderson. Motion carried, 6 yes 0 no.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the agenda: None

Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business: Brady Selner introduced the topic of continuing the discussion of the future land use map, focusing on the US-10 corridor between Ludington and Scottville.

Denny Dunlap explained the changes to the future land use map he is recommending along the US-10 corridor.

The future land use map along the US-10 corridor was discussed.

Tom Hooper identified a conflict of interest when discussing the future land use map near Gordon Rd. He indicated that he lived in that area.

Consensus was reached regarding the changes noted on Commissioner Dunlap's future land use map. It was agreed that the future land use map should also reflect the three different commercial districts.

Commissioner Wincek introduced the second topic under unfinished business, meeting time discussion. He stated it was discussed at the last meeting and it was placed on tonight's agenda for a decision.

Commissioner Shaw stated he does not have any objections to meeting at 6:30 pm.

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2 Commissioner Anderson stated if the meeting time is too early, 5:00 pm or 5:30 pm, it
3 can shut people out, and the planning commission is a board that draws public input.
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5 Commissioner Dunlap agreed with Commissioner Anderson. He added that people need
6 time to refocus and recharge and 7:00 pm allows you time to accomplish that.
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8 Commissioner Hooper stated that dealing with the public needs to be taken into
9 consideration because the public is working. They need time between work and the
10 meeting. Anything earlier than 6:30 pm would cut into the public having an opportunity to
11 participate in the meetings.
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13 Commissioner Robidoux stated that the meeting time does not personally matter to him.
14 He noted that an earlier time would benefit staff, but acknowledges the need to have a
15 time that allows the public to attend. He noted that we want public input so we need to
16 make it as convenient as possible for the public.
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18 Steve Hull stated that 7:00 pm works well for his schedule, but he can be flexible.
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20 Commissioner Robidoux made a motion to leave the meeting time the same, at 7:00 pm.
21 Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no.
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23 Zoning Directors Report: Brady Selner stated the multi-tenant commercial building
24 located at 4528 W. US-10 will be receiving its zoning permit soon.
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26 There will be two public hearings for the January 7, 2020, meeting for the Trillium Creek
27 barn rental, in Amber Township, and for Wanna Buy Sheds, in Branch Township.
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29 Zoning Board of Appeals: Doug Robidoux stated the ZBA granted a dimensional variance
30 to place an additional free standing sign for the Days Inn hotel near Pentwater.
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33 Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.


Dennis Dunlap, Secretary
Mason County Planning Commission