

# Waterloo Township Planning Commission

## Approved Meeting Minutes / and Special Meeting Minutes July 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** R. Schumacher, C. Richardson, G. Siegrist, W. Schulz, B. Steere and M. Zweifler all present.

Acceptance of July 19, 2022 Meeting Agenda: Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by G. Siegrist to accept agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** B. Richardson presented summary of (3) state bills currently in the legislature that could take zoning authority away from local governments and urged us to contact our legislators to express our views.

Acceptance of June 21, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: Moved by C. Richardson, supported by G. Siegrist to accept minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by G. Siegrist to close regular meeting and open public hearing at 7:07pm. **Motion carried**

### **Public Hearing on Property at 15075 Gorton Road**

- Property owner Carol Escher described her plans for the vacant building. Discussion about her request to zone property as 80% residential and 20% commercial. Table 9-3 and footnote 2 allow for a residential dwelling above a commercial building. Restrictions were discussed with property owner Carol Escher, 20160 Williamsville Road, Gregory, MI 48137.
- Neighbor to property, Denise Frahm, 15678 Waterloo-Munith Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240 expressed her support for the renovation of the building which has been vacant for years.
- Moved by R. Schumacher to close public Hearing and reopen regular meeting at 7:40pm, supported by G. Siegrist. **Motion carried.**

**Regular Meeting:** Discussion by Planning Commission of zoning change request on property 15075 Gorton Road. Moved by B. Steele, supported by G. Siegrist to advise applicant and Township Board that the application is not required and should be withdrawn per Table 9-3, footnote 2. **Roll call vote:**

- B. Steere, yes
- C. Richardson, yes
- M. Zweifler, yes
- G. Siegrist, yes
- R. Schumacher, yes
- W. Schultz, yes

**Motion carried:** C. Escher advised that no living quarters are permitted on the first floor of the building.

**Election of Planning Commission Officers:** moved by G. Siegrist, supported by M. Zweifler to elect W. Schultz as Chairperson, B. Steere as Vice- Chairperson and R. Schumacher as Secretary for next year. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business:** No action taken on the Zoning ordinance review

**New Business:** B. Richardson gave an update on the Waterloo Township website development.

**Additional Items:**

1. The Township Board needs to implement the Short-Term Rental Application Certificate process and ordinance.
2. Reviewed new houses being built in the Township
3. January through June 2022 Planning Commission member attendance sheets were distributed

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment-** Moved by R. Schumacher, and supported by M. Zweifler to adjourn at 8:51 pm. **Motion carried.**

**Ralph Schumacher Planning Commission Secretary- 07/20/2022**