

MINUTES

ELKHART COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 19, 2020

President Mike Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in room 104 in the County Administration Building, 117 North Second Street, Goshen, Indiana. The other Board members, Frank Lucchese and Suzie Weirick, were present. Others present were Patricia Pickens, County Auditor; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Jeff Taylor, County Administrator and Anita Mock, Executive Assistant.

On a motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the October 5th & October 12th, 2020 meetings and placed them on file.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Allowance of Claims as presented by the County Auditor's office.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

AIC/Nationwide Scholarship Check Presentation.

Health Department/WIC Program requested renewal of Gravelton Properties, LLC Commercial Lease Agreement. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Director of Landfill, John Bowers, requested approval to award the Landfill Farm Rent to Maplecrest Farms. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

County Assessor, Cathy Searcy, requested approval of Elkhart County Geographic Information System – Pictometry Data Sharing Agreement. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Douglas C. & Terri L. Briner represented by Lang, Feeney & Associates, Inc. for the vacation of a portion of an east/west unnamed county right-of-way, north side of lots 607-609 in Sunset Park First, north side of Wolf Avenue, 350 feet west of County Road 1, in Baugo Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public meeting. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Douglas Powers, requested approval of Audie L. & Gertrude K. Brown for the vacation of a portion of an east/west unnamed county right-of-way, north side of lot 619 and the east half of lot 620 in Sunset Park First, north side of Wolf Avenue, 1,050 feet west of County Road 1, in Baugo Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing, No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing.

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Planning & Development, Mae Kratzer, requested approval of Caleb Eugene Miller & Kayla Rose Miller, H & W & Spencer Conrad Miller ½ Int. represented by Abonmarche Consultants for a zone map change from A-1 to M-1, south side of County Road 2, 1,660 feet west of State Road 13, common address of 11240 County Road 2, in York Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development, Douglas Powers, requested approval of Beth A. Miller (Land Contract Purchaser) & AMMF Trustee Corporation Trustee for Amish Mutual Mortgage Fund (Land Contract Holder) represented by Edward R. Miller & Nancy E. Miller, H & W for a zone map change from M-2 to A-1, north side of County Road 56, 988 feet east of County Road 100, common address of 30283 County Road 56, in Locke Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Thor Industries for a zone map change from A-1 to M-1, west side of the intersection of County Road 23 and Industrial Drive, 1,300 feet west of State Road 15, in Washington Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved to close the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, requested approval of Fir Properties, LLC represented by Jones Petrie Rafinski for an Amendment to an existing DPUD M-2 known as **RECYCLING WORKS INDUSTRIAL DPUD** for an addition to an existing building, west side of County Road 7, 1,400 feet north of County Road 26, common address of 59697 County Road 7, in Concord Township. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. No audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved to close the public hearing. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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Planning & Development Zoning Administrator, Jason Auvil, presented the request for denial of Star Property Real Estate Company, LLC represented by Zarembo Group, LLC for a zone map change from A-1 to a GPUD B-2 to be known as **STAR PROPERTY DG GPUD B-2**, east side of State Road 13, 1,280 feet south of County Road 32, in Clinton Township. Staff and Plan Commission denied the request. Zarembo Group Representative, Tom Cowen, spoke in favor of the request. Mike Yoder opened a public hearing. Glen Riegsecker spoke in favor of the request. Tom Stump spoke in favor of the request. No more audience members wished to speak on this matter. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public hearing. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, she requested motion for denial of the request. There was no second on the motion. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Mike Yoder, the Board approved this request. Suzie Weirick did not vote for approval.

BOARD ITEMS:

County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of Proposed Municipal Advisory Services with Baker Tilly for Proposed Courts Project. On motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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County Administrator, Jeff Taylor, requested approval of updated Independent Contractor Services Agreement by and between the Board of Commissioners and Dawntreader Development, LLC. On motion made by Frank Lucchese, seconded by Suzie Weirick and unanimously carried, the Board approved this request.

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AUDIENCE ITEMS:

The following individuals spoke on the mask mandate:

Madeline Hajicek

Dawn Stauffer

Cindy Hajicek

Clifford Miller

Numerous other individuals spoke on this matter, however were not identified.

Kevin Bullard requested the CDC Report for Elkhart County be released by the Health Officer.

Tom Stump requested the Commissioners address an email that was sent to the Commissioners and Council on alleged damage to a neighboring property during demolition of the old county jail.

On a motion made by Suzie Weirick, seconded by Frank Lucchese and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Mock