

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
 May 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Robinson Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Robinson Township Hall.

Present	Absent
Shawn Martinie	None
Rich Sibley	
Travis Vugteveen	
Bill Maschewske	
Tom TenBroeke	
Steve Young	
George Schippers	

Also present were Township Attorney Ron Bultje, Zoning Administrator Brian Werschem, and two members of the public. The attendance sheet is attached.

A motion was made by Tom TenBroeke and seconded by Rich Sibley to approve the March 28, 2017 Planning Commission minutes as written.
 The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Commission Member Inquiries -- None

Reports and Communications

Travis Vugteveen reported the following from the Township Board.

1. The Grow Blue Class B Earth Change application was approved.
2. The MME Class B Earth Change application was approved.
3. The Ochoa Migrant Housing request was approved.
4. The 2016 Township Recreation Plan was approved.
5. Metro Act is installing fiber optic cable.
6. BSA pre-audit software purchase was approved.
7. The Solicitor Application was updated to require a driver's license.
8. Eric Tubergen was approved as a fire fighter.
9. The medical marijuana dispensing issue was reviewed and no action taken.

Announcements

1. There has been a request from T-Mobile to alter the Lake Michigan Drive cell phone tower. It is considered a minor change and will be reviewed with the Planning Commission Chairperson.

2. Monies were approved for online Citizen Planner classes.

Old Business - None

New Business

A Preliminary Site Plan application has been received for the M-45 Store and Lock to expand. Zach Voogt of Moore and Bruggink Inc. made a brief presentation regarding what the applicant intends to construct. One storage building exists on the site. There is a pond in the middle of the site. There will be a small office in one of the new front buildings and two parking spaces. Stormwater is intended to be by natural infiltration and a drainage swale surrounding the property on three sides. It is planned to narrow the existing gate and to relocate the keypad. The total proposed project, when complete, will consist of six storage buildings.

Chairperson Martinie – Expressed concern that much of the drainage from the site will go into the pond and drain to the neighbor’s property. It was also questioned if the applicant was working in a wetland.

Bill Maschewske –

1. Shares the stormwater concerns of the Chairperson.
2. Is it possible to build as close the existing water’s edge as shown on the plan?

Steve Young – Inquired if the pond is a regulated wetland. He expressed concern that the maps may not be correct for this wetland.

Chairperson Martinie – Stated that a Stormwater permit will be needed from the Ottawa County Water Resources Dept. They will control this issue.

Steve Young – Suggested that historical photographs be investigated to determine when the pond was created.

Bill Maschewske – Expressed concern regarding the proposed duration of the project. The permits are not generally granted for that long of a time period (estimated 5 to 7 years).

Bill Maschewske – Is the parking adequate?

Leon Hoogewind – In his experience, this will be adequate.

Bill Maschewske – Emphasized the issue with stormwater drainage and the proposed construction near the water’s edge.

The review and approval process for a Special Use and Site Plan were reviewed.

Bill Maschewske – Stated he did not feel the Detailed Site Plan requirements were complete at this time.

Zoning Administrator Werschem – Stated additional information would be forthcoming.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Rich Sibley to pay Planning Commission salaries for May 2017 (one meeting).

The motion carried unanimously.

Any and All Other Business

Zoning Administrator Werschem stated that there are potential changes to the Riverside Storage approved Site Plan that may need to be reviewed.

A motion was made by Travis Vugteveen and seconded by Rich Sibley to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 8:32 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Maschewske, Secretary
Robinson Township Planning Commission



SIGN IN SHEET
Planning Commission Meeting
May 23, 2017 at 7:30 pm

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

Leon Hoogewind
ZACH JOOBT

Two handwritten signatures are present. The first signature is for Leon Hoogewind, and the second is for Zach Joobt. Both signatures are written in dark ink and are positioned above the horizontal lines of the sign-in sheet.