

MARKEY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting February 3, 2022

Meeting called to order by chair Ron Duquette at 7 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Members present; Hackett, Ciaramitaro, Duquette, Fullmer, Devins and Gardner

Absent: Donaldson

Motion by Fullmer; supported by Gardner to approve the agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

Motion by Gardner; supported by Hackett to approve the minutes as read. All ayes; motion carried.

Chairman Duquette informed us that the Township Board had moved funds from the Planning Commission 2021-2022 budget into the ZBA and Land Use budgets. \$1500.00 was transferred into Zoning for ZBA and \$1,000.00 was transferred to Land Use to balance those budgets. He felt this was an improper procedure and that he should have been consulted.

He has met with the Township Board to present his request for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

We discussed Capital Improvements we feel will benefit the Township. Several suggestions were discussed; those include the need for improved lighting for the general meeting area and improved acoustics. We would like to see the neon sign from the old hall moved over here, a flag pole, clocks in the general meeting area and the election room. Installation of a kitchen to increase rentals of the facility. List the former hall to sell.

Devins reported on his research regarding private storage facilities being built in our C1 (commercial) zones. He found that there are existing regulations that may make it cost prohibitive to put up a private storage structure in these zones.

1. Page 95 12.04 Site Development Regulations

E. All uses shall be served by county health department approved sewer and water systems.

2. Page 102 District Regulations

In the chart for C1 restrictions, including (d) as stated above sanitary sewer and water. (f) in no case shall the minimum required setback be less than the height of the building. (g) where a side or rear yard abuts a Residential District, a buffer shall be provided in accordance with Section 3.10 and (h) The required front yard shall not

be used for off-street parking, except for driveways, and shall be landscaped.

At Russo's request we reviewed Section 3.16 and 18.03 regarding temporary dwellings, tents, campers and recreational vehicles. Further review is necessary.

Duquette shared information regarding upcoming educational opportunities. Duquette and Ciaramitaro to attend the onsite classes, Devins and Fullmer will do the virtual.

Motion to adjourn by Gardner, supported by Hackett at 8:22 P.M.

Prepared by Sherrie Ciaramitaro