

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION October 1, 2019 Minutes

The Franklin Township Planning Commission met for a regular meeting. Chairman Wise brought the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All members were present: Chairman Greg Wise, Doug Sherman, Jane Murphy, Jeff Fineske, Gordy Whelan, Joel Whelan, Larry Shea, John Krueger and John Hinkley. Absent: none. Also present: Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel, Recording Secretary Sue Whitehead and Supervisor Dan VanValkenburg. Murphy moved to approve the 8/6/19 minutes as written. Shea supported. Motion carried 9-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Commission reviewed the recommendations from the Lenawee County Planning Commission regarding proposed zoning ordinance text amendments: (a) accessory building heights, (b) self-service storage facilities, and (c) sign regulations. **Accessory Building:** The LCPC recommended approval of increasing the maximum allowable height of a detached accessory building from 16 to 25 feet in a residential district. Krueger moved to recommend the Township Board to remove the wording for 1-story in Section 4.04.2 and only list the maximum allowable height. Sherman supported. Motion carried 9-0. **Storage Facility:** The LCPC recommended disapproval with comments of the proposed amendment pertaining to self-service storage facilities as written; it was felt that it was unclear and development standards should be considered. Krueger asked what would be development standards. Nickel replied fencing, lighting, etc., however, those things could be decided during the site plan review. The Commission discussed a definition for self-service storage facility and settled on the following: a building or group of buildings in a controlled-access facility that contains varying sizes of individual, compartmentalized, and controlled-access stalls or lockers for the storage of customer's goods or wares. Krueger amended his motion to approve the definition. Hinkley supported. Motion carried 9-0. Nickel said the definition was approved and now need to proceed with the process. **Sign Regulations:** The LCPC recommended disapproval with comments of the proposed amendment for sign regulations as written. The staff report listed 2 ½ pages of comments/suggestions regarding the proposed sign ordinance. Nickel suggested 2-3 people from the Planning Commission meet as a sub-committee and work on the changes that are needed for the sign ordinance. It was decided that Wise, Fineske and Joel Whelan would work on it along with Nickel. The Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment for

the Accessory Structures height in R-1 will go before the Township Board at their October meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Recording Secretary