

Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Conway Township Hall – 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd., Fowlerville, MI

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public: Two attendees. • Township Board Members: Larry Parsons, Trustee, present • Planning Commission Members present: George Pushies, Londa Horton, Mike Stock, Keith Wasilenski, Meghan Swain-Kuch, Chuck Skwirsk • Planning Commission Members absent: -0- • Zoning Administrator: Todd Thomas, present • Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin, present • Township Attorney: Abby Cooper, not required • Township Planner: Chris Adkins, not required 	
Call to Order and Pledge to Flag	<p>Chairperson Mike Stock called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He called roll call. All present.</p> <p>The next meeting is October 12, 2020 at 7pm.</p>	
Minutes from last meeting	<p>George Pushies moved to approve tonight's agenda. He noted to change the line item in tonight's agenda #4. Approve minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting to August 11, 2020. Second by Chuck Skwirsk. All in favor. Motion passed.</p> <p>Chuck Skwirsk moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. Second by George Pushies. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>	
Communications	<p>Larry Parsons brought up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House bill 4965 was approved by Congress and now going to the Governor for signature giving County Road Commission's more freedom in determining where to spend money on roads. • Discussion on a bill on broadband allowing state grants. Michigan Township Association is opposing it. It prohibits local governments from applying for it. It is geared towards businesses. • GAMPS – next year they are doing an update. There is a meeting Oct. 1 for discussion. 	
Call to the Public	-0-	

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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Kreeger Party Store site plan revision (SPR – 01-018 was original application). Asa Kreeger has requested to change two items that differ from the original site plan approved on November 12, 2018. To date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landscape company installed trees 2. No parking blocks installed. 3. No asphalt removal. The Planning Commission is okay with leaving the asphalt in place. 4. Feb. 10, 2020 meeting minutes - "<i>Chris Atkins suggests making an amendment to the site plan. Have applicant initial and date the approved site plan. We could designate parking spaces for owners. A sign would be preferable. Applicant to write amended document to Todd Thomas. Motion will be handled at the next meeting.</i>" The Planning Commission did meet again March 9 and then not until July 13 due to COVID." 5. Handicap sign was on a post originally and is not there today. Paint on asphalt indicating handicap parking is still there. 6. Larry Parsons moved per the Nov.10, 2018 drawing #183368, that the Conway Land Company LLC will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leave the asphalt in place located to the east of the light pole (in blue) an area of the parking lot that was expected to be removed. ▪ Leave out the parking blocks that were intended to be installed in each parking spot (in red). ▪ Take out the current 'employee parking only' sign from the utility pole. ▪ Add two employee parking signs, one at location A and one at location B in the amended site plan per the Zoning Administrator. The height of the sign is to be the same as that of the handicapped sign which is six feet from the bottom of the sign to grade. The size of the sign is 12 x 18 minimum. Match the size and elevation of handicapped sign for 'employee parking only' sign. The post is to be a ground driven permanent post. ▪ Londa Horton second. All in favor. Motion passed. • Discussion over party store having goods for sale outside of the interior of the store. Zoning Ordinance Section 10.06A1 addresses Additional Site Development Requirements Performance Standards stating that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Storage of materials or goods shall be enclosed entirely within a building or shall be enclosed so as not to be visible to the public from any abutting residential district or public street. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is he in violation of the original site plan in terms 	
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	<p>of what he said he was going to do? It was suggested that the Zoning Administrator have a discussion with Asa Kreeger asking him to explain in detail what he wants to sell outside. Seasonal goods are what he discussed with us. As stated in the Nov. 12, 2018 meeting minutes, the “Storage of materials is not allowed outside,” commented Mike Stock.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review zoning revisions list. Will use Abby’s revised list as review reference. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessory building draft to be written by Chris Atkins, our planner. Mike Stock reviewed George Pushies’ document, and explained that an attached garage is not to be counted as an accessory, but we don’t have anything yet from Chris. He is working from home now and the only way to contact him is via email. Mike Stock requested a draft from him for this meeting. George asked Mike to give Chris a timeline in which to submit a draft for the next meeting. 2. Event Barns draft assigned to Chris Atkins. 3. Dennis Bowdoin asked that someone look at Deerfield townships’ website after Wednesday. They are bringing a new zoning idea to allow for senior citizen housing or a second resident on the property under accessory buildings. Send this to Chris to incorporate. 4. Outdoor Furnace Ordinance new section 6.27 with comments assigned to Abby Cooper 	<p>Mike Stock to reach out to Chris Atkins for draft of accessory buildings. Have Chris incorporate Deerfield township new zoning idea.</p> <p>Chris Atkins to draft event barn ZO language.</p>
New Business	-0-	
Zoning Administrator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Todd Thomas gave the ZA report. He had Land Use permits for two decks and an attached garage in August 2020. 	
Update from the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Parsons gave an update from the Township Board. 	
Update from Land Division Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Pushies gave an update from the Land Division Committee. 	

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Call to public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A resident commented that the party store dumpster is in the wrong place. Comply now.• Dennis Bowdoin had a proposal from Hamburg township, no minimum square foot for houses. Tiny houses are being looked at.	
General Discussion	-0-	
Adjournment	George Pushies made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, second by Larry Parsons. All in favor. Motion passed.	