

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Lexington Village Theatre 7318 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI
Monday, November 2, 2020
7 p.m.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Ziegler

Roll Call by Beth Grohman, Clerk

Present- McCombs, Macksey, Morris, Fulton, Picot, Huepenbecker, Kaatz, Ziegler

Absent – Stencil

Others Present –Holly Tatman, and 4 citizens

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Huepenbecker, seconded by Macksey, to approve the agenda as amended. Master Plan Resolution

All ayes

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Huepenbecker, seconded by Morris, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020 as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Public Comment –

None Offered

Zoning Administrator Report – Motion by Macksey, seconded by Fulton, to approve the Zoning Administrator report as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Old Business:

1. Master Plan Resolution –

Motion by Huepenbecker, seconded by McCombs, to approve Master Plan Resolution as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Huepenbecker, McCombs, Fulton Picot, Kaatz, Macksey, Morris, Ziegler

Nays- None

Motion carried

New Business:

- 1. Discuss sharing the New Master Plan and Updated Zone Ordinance with residents.** – Tatman recommended that with the covid, it is not a good time to hold public meetings to introduce the implementation of the Master Plan and highlight the zoning ordinance, but it would be a good time to get volunteers. We may need to use Zoom for public meetings.

Morris suggested making videos that could be attached to Facebook or the Village webpage.

Tatman talked about a software tool called Trello which is like a giant chart, a running document color-coded and with updates to keep track of the progress of the RRC certification.

Fulton mentioned that Chris Germain, MEDC is willing to come back to Lexington to help with the process.

Currently, the zoning ordinance is posted on the website and the Master Plan will be posted after the SmithGroup completes the final version with the resolutions included.

2. Determine the next steps to implement the Master Plan –

Members looked over the Implementation Action Plan.

Kaatz suggested grants such as Michigan Community Revitalization Funds, Brownfield grants, or redevelopment grants for historical properties. There might be grants available for areas such as Frasier's, the parking lot next to the Creamery, Gielows, or the old Cantrick property. The Village would apply and be the fiduciary. T or Brownfields. We could pursue community development block grants (CDBG) to establish a minor home repair fund.

There was discussion of developing a documented policy to guide the internal review process, creating an orientation packet for boards and commissions, and finding volunteers.

It appears that the first step is for the Village Council to create an implementation steering comprised of representatives from various committees.

Jamie suggested breaking down priorities in order of various topics.

There will be further discussion at the December meeting.

Public Comment – None

Adjournment - Motion by Morris, seconded by McCombs, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

Beth Grohman
Village Clerk