

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Village Hall
7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI
February 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Vicki Scott, Clerk

Present: Ziegler, Picot, Stencel, Kaatz, Fulton

Absent: Morris, Roehl, Huepenbecker

Others Present: C. Cutright, D. Klaas, Jackie Huepenbecker (via phone)
K. DeCoster, L. Adams, P. Muoio, M. McGovern

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Picot, seconded by Fulton, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Picot, seconded by Stencel, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Public Comment: None

Zoning Administrator's Report:

D. Klaas reported that his training is going well.

Klaas sent letters out for trash/dumpster fencing. The Methodist church will be removing its dumpster.

Klaas sent letters out for sandwich signs clarifying the ordinance. Klaas explained the residents he was currently working with. He commented that having a welcome packet available for new businesses and residents would be nice.

Discussion continued on the dumpster issue and following the ordinance. Stencel suggested we address the dumpster issue before June 30th. Board agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Fulton, to accept the Zoning Administrator's report.

All ayes

Motion carried

Old Business:

1. **Fellowship – Ameri-Corps** – Ziegler explained that Morris is not here to discuss this issue. We will move it to the next meeting when Morris is available.
2. **Training Update** – Picot remarked that the RRC Virtual Academy is an excellent opportunity for the Village groups. Cutright agreed to make sure each board receives the flyer. Cutright hands out the township's solar ordinance. Picot explained that this is homework to bring back next month with suggestions.

3. **RRC Status Report** – Picot thanked Huepenbecker for putting together the report. It will help other groups know what needs to be done. The DDA is working on: 4.2, 4.3, and 4.6.

Picot reported that staff members from RRC are coming to visit the Village on February 27 from 9:30-11:30 AM. He reviewed the draft itinerary.

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Picot, to approve RRC Status Report and send it to Council, DDA, and ZBA.

All ayes

Motion carried

New Business:

1. Collaboration with other groups

Picot stated that an updated list was distributed. Fulton asked about the best way to get all the Village groups together. Discussion followed on it being a social event at the theater, possibly once a year.

Kaatz suggested having an individual in charge of distributing information on the website so it is used more effectively for each committee. Klaas suggested checking into having someone from St. Clair Tech. Kaatz suggested making a recommendation to Council. Klaas suggested updating to a digital format. Cutright stated Port Huron has a community liaison that works with the IT Department.

2. Suggested Public Participation Event

Picot worked on putting together an example of a questionnaire for the website asking the public for their response on issues like electronic signs. The example would include a link showing why it is important to have ordinances in place.

Picot stated he will work with the DDA Chairperson on parking issues in the Village. Ziegler commented that the Smith Group just did a parking survey. Discussion followed on getting clearer signage for parking.

Ziegler asked if there was an update for the 8 million dollars the Village is to receive.

Cutright explained that it was signed into law at the end of January. We received a supplemental budget appropriation of 8 million dollars for harbor improvements. This came through the State's budget process with the legislator and was through the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

The 8 million dollars is part of the greater 12-million-dollar project to revamp the harbor front, waterfront area, docks, and upland. The project has to be completed by September 30, 2026. We are continuing discussions with the DNR on leveraging the money we received to make up for the additional 4 million to fulfill the plans we agreed upon with the DNR. The grant agreement is due May 1, 2023. Discussion followed.

Public Comment

- Peter Muoio (7276 Lester) – Comments no success with cable commission working with high school to help with media needs, be careful before adding staff, and it's no problem for parking in church lots.
- Larry Adams (7311 Lake) – Commented on the DNR docks funding and changing parking on Huron Ave.

Adjournment - Motion by Kaatz, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Scott