

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Danny Taylor called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township office, Erie Road, Erie, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Absent
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kristine Crammond.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Paul Perry made a motion to approve the Agenda. Robert Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Manny Evola made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Dr. Larry Guinn seconded. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed. Dan Taylor reported nothing has been spent. No formal motion was made to approve the budget ending July 31, 2021.

B. Public Comment

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Site Plan Review-3371 Erie Road-FisH20

Expansion of fish farm business and loading dock

- There was no representative from FisH20 in attendance at the meeting.

FisH20 is a fisheries company specializing in the transport and culturing of live rough fish and fresh fish products from great lakes commercial fishing crews. The existing 36.56 - acre parcel is zoned Agricultural Conservation District and contains 3 large outbuildings, a single-family residence and 4 – 2-acre ponds. Another fishery related business was acquired by FisH20 in December of 2020. They would like to combine the two businesses at the 3371 Erie Road location. The combination of the two business at the 3371 Erie Road location will include 7 refrigerated trailers and 2 semi tractors as well as remodeling on of the outbuildings to include cement shipping docks to make loading and unloading safer.

- Paul Perry made a motion to table the Final Site Plan review until a representative from FisH20 is present. Dave Cousino seconded. Motion carried.

B. Review of Township changes to By-Laws

A copy of the By-Laws for the Erie Township Planning Commission that was adopted by the Erie Township Planning Commission on January 25, 2011 was reviewed by the Planning Commissioners. The January 25, 2011 By-Laws were never approved by the Township Board. The most current approved By-Laws that were approved by the Township board are from 2001.

There was addition of new language in the January 25, 2011 by-laws - Article 4.2 under Zoning Enabling Act.

Paul Perry stated according to the By-Laws, the sub-committee meetings should be posted and made public for transparency. These meetings fall under the Sunshine law.

Gary Wilmoth stated the Planning Commission chairperson is to provide an Annual Report to the Township Board at their first meeting in January.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Zoning Ordinance 117- Discussion of Proposed updates
(no additional subcommittee meetings have been held)
Nothing to report at this time.

B. Downtown Revitalization Update

Dan Taylor stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee is working with Mannik & Smith. The Downtown Revitalization project is proposed at \$627,000. Mannik & Smith will be writing a TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant request. The Township has agreed to provide funds of \$233,400 toward the project. The rest of the funds would come from Grant monies. The funds would cover decorative lighting, sidewalks, Handicap ramps, bike lanes, and curbs. This project is for the revitalizing the strip of M125 in Downtown Erie.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Grzywacki- 116 Hollywood drive, Monroe Michigan.

Frank Grzywacki owns the property at 9793 Telegraph road in Erie Michigan (60-70 Bar & Grill).

The Planning Commissioners voted at the June 15, 2021 Planning Commission to not approve the zoning permit application at 9793 Telegraph Road for the proposed location for the First Merchant Bank ATM Kiosk. Mr. Grzywacki asked the Planning Commissioners to reconsider their decision. Dave Cousino explained the Planning Commission will need a new set of plans that will address the 9 items of concern which was the reason the request was rejected.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Paul Perry stated no more sub-committee meetings.

11. MEETING DATES

Park Commission	Thursday, September 2, 2021	7pm
Township Board	Tuesday, September 14, 2021	7pm
Planning Commission	Tuesday, September 21, 2021	7pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Perry made a motion to adjourn. Manny Evola seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine Crammond
Recording Secretary