

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
Public Hearing
July 21, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Township office, Erie Road, Erie, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Mike Grodi	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bill Jacobs requested #5 Elections of Officers and #6 Committee Appointments to be removed from the Agenda. Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the Agenda with corrections. Paul Perry seconded. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Perry made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Robert Schwartz seconded. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comments

Diane La Plante requested copies of the Agenda and Minutes be available for the public at the meetings.

B. Budget Report

Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the budget ending June 30, 2020 and place on file. Paul Perry seconded. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Dr. Larry Guinn made a motion to close the Planning Commission Regular meeting. Paul Perry seconded. Regular Meeting closed at 7:03 pm.

Dave Cousino made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Dan Taylor seconded. Public Hearing opened at 7:03 pm.

Proposed Special Use Approval.

A. 7525 Suder Avenue storage LLC – Mini Storage in AC District

The request: Special use of old school / church building in AG and turning it into a mini storage facility.

Mike Grodi excused himself from the Planning Commission and sat in the audience.

Mike Grodi - 10458 Michigan Ave, Erie, Michigan

Mike Grodi stated the existing structure will be used for indoor storage with climate control. When completed there will be 21 enclosed units with outdoor storage also available for vehicles, boats and RVs.

B. Public Comments

John Harmon – 7522 Suder Ave – Erie, Michigan.

Mr. Harmon expressed concern about the amount of traffic the storage facility would generate on Suder. He stated the neighborhood is residential. He stated the property in question is in a rural area. He does not approve of the Mini Storage facility.

Mike Demski stated letters were mailed to residents around the proposed facility. He had not received any other comments or complaints from residents. Mike Demski referred to the ordinance Article 11- Standards for Specific Special Uses - 11.12 Mini Storage facilities A and B.

Paul Perry made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Dan Taylor seconded. Public Hearing closed at 7:45 pm.

Dan Taylor made a motion to open the Regular meeting. Dave Cousino seconded. Regular meeting opened at 7:45 pm.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance updates – (2 family in Ag & Agri-Tourism)

There have not been any Committee meetings due to the Pandemic.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Special Use Approval – ID 5850-029-022-00

Suder Ave. Storage LLC – Mini-Storage in AC District

Dave Cousino made a motion to approve the Special Use request for the mini- storage facility at 7525 Suder Ave. Dan Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Jacobs asked for a vote.

Vote

Bill Jacobs	Yes	Dan Taylor	Yes
Dave Cousino	Yes	Paul Perry	Yes
Mike Grodi	obstain	Robert Schwartz	Yes
Dr. Larry Guinn	Yes		

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane La Plante stated Sterns road has been re-paved. There is a lot of semi truck traffic traveling on Sterns. There are **No Truck** signs on the road. She is concerned about trucks damaging the new pavement.

11. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Mike Grodi stated Erie Township is currently down to three police officers. One officer is off ill and one is part time. Police officers will occasionally park at South Erie Park to catch semi trucks and speeding cars on Suder Ave.

12. MEETING DATES

Township Board	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	7pm	
Planning Commission	Tuesday, August 18, 2020	7pm	
Park Commission	Thursday, August 20, 2020	7pm	Maplewood Park

13. ADJOURNMENT

Robert Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Danny Taylor seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine Crammond
Recording Secretary