

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2020**

PRESENT: Blough, Batchelor, Simmonds, Clements, Edwards

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: Clifford Bloom

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

The Regular Meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Simmonds at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2020 MEETING:

Mr. Edwards offered one change, which was accepted. Chairperson Simmonds then moved that the Minutes of March 9, 2020 as amended be approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Edwards. All in favor and the Minutes of March 9, 2020 as amended are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

The meeting was opened to public comment at 7:02pm. Two people spoke. Public comment was closed at 7:05 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of Fill Ordinance Draft 6-11-2020

Chairperson Simmonds summarized correspondence received from the Township Attorney dated June 12, 2020, responding to questions presented by Mr. Edwards, and Planner Johnson's summary of Section o. dated June 15, 2020, which was read aloud at the request of a member of the public. He also noted the receipt of both a red-lined version of the draft Ordinance, and the most recent draft dated June 11, 2020. A member of the public asked about prior use of "legal non-conforming use" in earlier drafts of the Ordinance.

Chairperson Simmonds then summarized the procedural history of the draft Ordinance and its current status. Input from members of the Planning Commission was requested. Mr. Blough asked for information about fill operations which cover two adjoining properties, and was advised that joint application for a fill permit could be made. Mr. Edwards expressed his gratitude to those who clarified several sections of the current draft. He specifically thanked Clifford Bloom and Tim Johnson for all the work they have put into this draft Ordinance. Mr. Blough confirmed that Section o. in its final form would be in the Ordinance. Mr. Clements and Mr. Batchelor were satisfied with the current version of the draft Ordinance.

There being no further questions or comments from members of the Planning Commission, Chairperson Simmonds moved that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission recommend to the Lowell Township Board that they approve the latest version of the Fill Ordinance identified as Section 22.10 – Fill Operations, dated June 11, 2020. Motion seconded

by Mr. Edwards. A roll call vote was made. Mr. Blough -aye, Chairperson Simmonds – aye, Mr. Clements – aye, Mr. Edwards – aye, Mr. Batchelor – aye. All in favor and the motion as presented is approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Blough asked about outstanding Annual Reviews. Chairperson Simmonds indicated that they would be held over the coming two months.

Mr. Batchelor asked for an update on the Fairgrounds. Their latest submission to the Township raised many issues, and those concerns have been sent to the fairground developers for further consideration. The matter will be taken up again when the revised materials are provided to the Township.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Chairperson Simmonds. Motion seconded by Mr. Batchelor. All in favor and the meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted _____ Secretary
Timothy Clements
Approved _____