

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 1, 2020

PRESENT: Blough, Batchelor, Simmonds, Clements, Edwards

TOWNSHIP PLANNER: Tim Johnson

CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE: 3

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to conduct a tour of the site of the proposed Kent County Youth Agricultural Association Fairgrounds at 13995 Cascade Road (formerly Deer Run Golf Course). The meeting will start at 10:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. The meeting is open to the public.

The Special Meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Simmonds at 10:00 am.

**CONDUCT TOUR OF PROPOSED FAIRGROUNDS AT 13995 CASCADE ROAD,
LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331**

The tour was led by Bill Zaske and Jessica Marks on behalf of the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association. Attendees were given a Site Tour Map which set forth the basic tour route and the location of various features of the property including proposed buildings, parking areas and tree screening.

It was indicated that existing trees will be left in place where viable. The proposed track location and related lighting were discussed. The location of buildings such as the Ag-ed building and exhibit barns were viewed, as was the proposed location of the Exhibition Arena. Other buildings were similarly marked out along the tour route.

Mr. Edwards raised the possibility of setting allowed sound levels at the property border along Cascade Road to a fixed value, as an additional control of non-Core Fair activities which could be held on the property.

The fairgrounds entrance drive and gate location were discussed with respect to the number of cars which could wait for admission on the drive instead of on Cascade Road.

The livestock arena will be the tallest structure, and existing screening was examined. The horse arena, with its lighting needs, was next discussed. These arenas will be located about 1300 feet from Cascade Road. Temporary bleachers of limited capacity would be set up around the horse arenas when events were held.

The location of the campgrounds and septic system was viewed from a distance.

Mr. Batchelor suggested that the selection of proper colors for the proposed buildings would help mask them from Cascade Road.

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The carnival area during Fair Week was viewed, and it was indicated that the current drive to the former Deer Run golf course clubhouse will provide access just for carnival vendors and not the general public.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

The meeting was opened to public comment at 10:52 am. No one spoke. Public comment was closed at 10:52 am.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Blough thought the tour of the property had provided members of the Planning Commission with a good perspective on the proposed fairgrounds.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Clements. Motion seconded by Mr. Batchelor. All in favor and the Special Meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Submitted _____ Secretary
Timothy Clements
Approved _____