Approved 08/09/2022 - CG

Whitewater Township Board
and
Whitewater Township Planning Commission
Minutes of Joint Meeting held July 19, 2022

Call to Order
Supervisor Popp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan.

Roll Call of Township Board Members
Members present in person: Popp, Goss, Benak, Glenn, Vollmuth
Members absent: None

Roll Call of Planning Commission Members
Members present in person: Mangus, Jacobson, Keaton, Wroubel, Darrow, Steelman
Members absent: (Township Board Representative vacancy)

Others Present
Others present in person: None
Others present via Zoom: 1

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda
Typo corrected on the agenda. No other adjustments.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest
Planning Commission: None
Township Board: None

Public Comment
Public comment began at 6:06 p.m.

Linda Slopsema commented on the lawsuit agenda item and delay of township projects.

Public comment ended at 6:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – STATUS CONFERENCE RE: NORTHPOINT FARMS V WHITEWATER
Planning Commission motion to go into closed session:
Regarding the case of Northpoint Farms, LLC v Whitewater Township, now pending in the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-035830-AW, Jacobson moved to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township; second by Wroubel.

Roll call vote: Wroubel-yes; Darrow-yes; Keaton-yes; Mangus-yes; Jacobson-yes; Steelman-yes. Motion carried.

Township Board motion to go into closed session:
Regarding the case of Northpoint Farms, LLC v Whitewater Township, now pending in the Grand Traverse County Circuit Court, Case No. 21-035830-AW, Goss moved to go into closed session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township; second by Glenn.

Roll call vote: Vollmuth-yes; Benak-yes; Popp-yes; Glenn-yes; Goss-yes. Motion carried.

At 6:16 p.m., Recording Secretary MacLean exited the meeting room and the closed session began.

At 6:31 p.m., Recording Secretary MacLean returned to the meeting room. The open session resumed at 6:32 p.m.

Township Board/Planning Commission Comments/Discussion
There were brief comments from Darrow and Mangus.

Public Comment
None

Adjournment
Planning Commission
Motion by Jacobson to adjourn; second by Darrow. Roll call vote: Darrow-yes; Keaton-yes; Mangus-yes; Jacobson-yes; Steelman-yes; Wroubel-yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Township Board
Motion by Benak to adjourn; second by Vollmuth. Roll call vote: Goss-yes; Vollmuth-yes; Glenn-yes; Popp-yes; Benak-yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary