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City of Perry - Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022

Members present: Cottrell, Jones, Muller, Ottke, Plowman, Wallace, Lambert

Member(s) absent: N/A

Guests: Mindy Galbavi, Roy Liskey

Call to order: by Chairperson Muller at 7:00 pm

Approval of the agenda: Moved by Muller that the agenda be approved as presented with no changes. Seconded by Wallace. Approved unanimously.

Approval of minutes from March 7, 2022: Moved by Muller that the minutes from March 7th be approved with one update: the Next Meeting date should be updated from March 7th to April 4th. Seconded by Cottrell. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Item #1 for New Business: Public Hearing Regarding Amendment to the City of Perry Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the topic of Medical Marihuana

Muller closes Planning Commission meeting and opens the Public Hearing.

Guest Mindy Galbavi shares her appreciation for the Planning Commission's efforts throughout the process overall. No other comments from the public are received.

Muller closes the Public Hearing and reopens the Planning Commission meeting.

Muller moves that we deliver the Zoning Ordinance Recommendation as written and published for the Public Hearing. Cottrell seconds. Approved unanimously.

- Item #2 for New Business: Exploration of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program

Muller shares a brief summary of the RRC process and highlights that participation would provide the City of Perry greater access to grant programs. Muller believes that this would dovetail with the Planning Commission's efforts to revise the Master Plan. Additionally, Muller offers that a large majority of other neighboring communities are actively involved in the RRC process.

Cottrell poses the question of whether this would conflict with any future efforts to establish a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Lambert adds that, based on conversations he has had on the topic in the past, the RRC process would not conflict with a DDA.

Muller suggests that this process could greatly benefit the City of Perry by attracting businesses and streamlining approval processes. Lambert recommends that the Planning Commission work with the City Council to engage the resources to bring Chuck Donaldson, a Program Specialist with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, in to deliver a presentation to the Planning Commission about RRC and the steps that we would need to take.

Muller motions that the Planning Commission pursue the RRC program and request that we engage Donaldson in delivering a presentation. Lambert seconds. Approved unanimously.

Old Business: I-1 and I-2 zoning ordinance tabled indefinitely.

Next meeting: Next regular meeting to be held on May 2, 2022 @ 7pm in City Hall's Council Chambers.

Other Comments:

Police Chief Kyle Bawks is following up on the parking and pick-up/drop-off situation that was brought to the Planning Commission's attention during the March 7th meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm by Chairperson Muller.