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GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission

September 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lance Roman called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:30P.M.

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ROLL CALL:

Lance Roman, Kent Kelly, John Pepler, Pam Lysaght and Michael Plessner. Bill Stege and Bob Ihme were absent

AGENDA:

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pepler moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting and Plessner supported. The motion passes unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Kelly provided the minutes of the August 2016 Township Board meeting for the Commission to peruse.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Dales Putt Putt returned their bikes and are selling the kayaks at another site. Zoning reports for August have been sent electronically.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

There is a hearing scheduled on September 28, 2016. JP to report on the hearing at the October Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BUSINESS:

1. Heritage Trail route study presentation – Bruce Wagner

Mr. Wagner gave a synopsis of the meetings and recommendations of the Alternative Connector Subcommittee that met in January, February, March and April of this year and filed the final report on April 28, 2016. The Committee meetings had “solid participation” from MDOT and the Park. The Committee’s assessments were driven mainly by the safety of the bicyclists. The safest and least expensive route would be down Northwood to Fisher on an “off road trail” but this route would meet with opposition. The Committee had five routes that would be possibilities but they would all be expensive. In order to move forward the next step should be an Engineering firm to look at the routes that the Committee has already mapped. Lance would like to keep the Engineering expense to about \$10,000.00.

Lance will contact Ihme to get in touch with the people that were involved with the Heritage Trail planning. The people who have been passionate about the Trail would also be helpful to include in planning a route. Kelly will take the discussion to the Township Board meeting on September 20 and report back to the Planning Commission at the October meeting.

2. Consider Marihuana Dispensaries Zoning
No discussion at this meeting.
3. Discuss review of Planning bylaws
Cypher said the Bylaws are over 27 years old. He will bring copies to the October Planning meeting and sent them electronically.
4. Master Plan review, all chapters – LR & PL
Will get copies to distribute as discussed and notify Commission members when they are available to pick up at the Townhall.
A retreat is scheduled for Tuesday the 27th. 1PM at the Township Meeting Room.
5. Discuss punch list items as needed or updated (time permitting)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 by Chairman Lance Roman

Respectfully Submitted
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission