

JACKSON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019

A meeting of the Jackson Township Planning Commission was held on March 21, 2019. Chairman, Jeffrey Thomas, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Jeffrey Thomas, Dale Eagon, Sherri Hower, Mark Werkeiser and Ron Padula. Sal Caiazzo, Township Engineer and Michelle Arner, SEO and Zoning Officer were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Dale Eagon moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2019, second by Ron Padula. All aye, motion passed.

Old Business – Burning Ordinance – discussion conducted after New Business

New Business:

Frances M. Forgione – Lot Line Adjustment – Jonathan Shupp, P.L.S.

Jonathan Shupp was present to represent the plan. Jon noted that Frances Forgione owns all three properties and the intent of the plan is to reconfigure the parcels. A portion of the property is the old railroad bed. A future tennis court is planned in the odd-shaped area of Lot 3. Michelle Arner noted the size of a regulation tennis court and added that stormwater management would be required for the impervious area. Zoning Officer Arner also commented on the Route 715 setback of 70' from centerline and other lot line setbacks.

Township Engineer Caiazzo noted the review is in progress and the plan can be accepted. There was some discussion about the numerous sheds on the property, especially Lot 2.

Sherri Hower moved to accept the plan for review, second by Dale Eagon. Four votes, aye. Jeff Thomas abstained. Motion passed.

Akiba CA, L.P. - Land Development Plan - Jonathan Shupp, P.L.S.

Jonathan Shupp was present to represent the plan. Director, Howard Gordon was also present. Jon noted the new features, are shown as cross-hatched. These include the deck in front of the dining hall, the convenience toilet building and the souvenir shop. Michelle Arner noted she had been to the property recently, accompanied by Howard Gordon. She noted there are additional features, especially those related to sewage disposal, that can be added to the plan. Also, septic professional Jodi Borger evaluated septic features earlier this day and communicated details with SEO Arner. The wastewater from the new bathrooms presently goes to a seepage ring and this is not acceptable, according to Arner. There exists a 2000 square foot absorption area, not presently in use, that has potential to be utilized. This area will be further evaluated. There was additional discussion about wastewater flows and the use of the convenience toilet facility.

Zoning Officer Arner requested that the existing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) parking spaces be shown as well as the accessible route to the ADA bathroom at the dining hall. Arner noted that permit applications for the improvements have been submitted and the Township building code official is working with the applicant and their architect to come into compliance, especially with regard to an ADA plan and narrative.

Township Engineer, Sal Caiazzo, noted there will be some typical waivers required. Plan recording was also discussed. Due to the minor nature of the plan, Sal supported a waiver to not require plan recording.

There was some additional discussion about site conditions, water quality of the lake and whether a planning module would be required. Arner noted there are no new cabins and wastewater flows are being redirected for convenience primarily; a planning module will not be required. Howard added that the peak use time for the convenience toilets is for 22 days in May.

Sal noted the future review will include the needed waivers. Jon added that soil types and contours will be added to the plan.

Ron Padula moved to accept the plan for review, second by Mark Werkeiser. All votes aye; motion passed.

Burning Ordinance

Outdoor burning was briefly discussed. It was noted that education is a key element with residents who burn. Enforcement is also challenging as people do burn evenings and weekends when the enforcement officer is not working.

Members suggested an educational campaign to reach out to residents. For instance, many people just don't know the laws. Educational opportunities include social media, election days and cleanup days. Burning habits were discussed. Recycling was discussed. It was noted that change is hard for people and education is the only way to begin to make a difference.

Correspondence: none

Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ron Padula, second by Sherri Hower. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Arner

Recording Secretary