

**VILLAGE OF SPARTA
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
75 N. Union St. (Sparta Civic Center)**

Present: Chairman Bob Liscombe, Commissioners Jon Braybrook, Robert Carlstrom, (Rose Frederick at 7:06pm), Emilie Henry, Gary Moody, and Christine Owens.

Absent: Robert Whalen.

Also present: Village Manager Jim Lower and Village Clerk Katy Shelton.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:** Formal roll call was taken. Those in attendance/absent are noted above.
- 3) **MINUTES:**
 - a. Approve Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023: Motion to approve by Moody with a second by Carlstrom. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** No additions or corrections.
- 5) **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.
- 6) **COMMUNICATIONS:** None.
- 7) **PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - a. Master Plan Final Public Comment Period:
Regular meeting closed at 7:01pm. Public meeting opened at 7:01pm.

Gerald Post, 1850 Skyview Drive, Sparta: Wanted to know the benefit to him if the Master Plan is approved. He said that he won't get any water or sewer and wondered who would take care of his roads. He believes that the taxes will go up for everyone on Skyview Drive but no one there will derive any benefit from the Master Plan. He wanted to know what the purpose was of the joint development proposal between the township and the village.

Lisa Edwards, 1927 Skyview Drive, Sparta: Wanted to know what the Master Plan means for her.

Public hearing closed at 7:13pm. Regular meeting opened at 7:13pm.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Res. 23-02 a resolution to adopt and recommend adoption of the 2023 Master Plan to the Sparta Village Council:** Motion by Moody with a second to adopt the Master Plan. Motion passed 6:0.

9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. None.

10) PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. None.

11) VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT: He said that the Master Plan would be on the agenda for the next Village Council meeting. He said that the recently redone parking lots are all open. The lighting at the parking lot at Balyeat Field is being worked on. The parking lines behind Trini's are being redone. He said that the site plan and license for the recreational marijuana store have been approved. The building is currently being refurbished and signage is being designed. He anticipates it being open in two to three months. He also mentioned that several Planning Commission members were up for reappointment, and that he would be in touch with them.

12) COMMISSION COMMENT: The commission discussed the status of the "rodeo grounds". It has not been resold. It has village water, but sewer lines will need to be run under M37. The Village Manager mentioned that the Village has put in for an expansion of the Applejack Sewer plant. That isn't necessary for any development at the Rodeo grounds, but it would be good for future expansion. He said it would take about three months to get a decision.

13) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Liscombe at 7:18pm.

Submitted by Katy Shelton, Village Clerk.