

SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Al Sorenson at 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Arbor Township Hall.

Members Present: Doug Martz, Susan Luplow, Al Sorenson, Terry French, Mel Rice and Carl Jacobson

Members Absent: Amanda Wells and Mike Archer

Staff: Jan Gardner

Guests: Scott Hands, Becca Hands and Jason Vasaris

Public Comment: none

Minutes: Jacobson made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2022, meeting. French seconded this motion. Approved.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Reports:

Possible text amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow Combined Residential and Business Structure:
Jan Gardner provided copies and reviewed a draft ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 5.9.17 regarding conditional land use provisions for a combined residential and business structure; and by adding combined residential and business structure to the listings of conditional uses in all Commercial (C-1, C-2, C-3) and Light Industrial (I-1) districts. After discussion, Jan is going to review for possible wording changes to clarify if this should apply to existing developments as well as new developments. She reviewed with the members the steps needed to implement the amendment.

Discussion of amending Zoning Ordinance to allow for electronic billboards:

Scott Hands and Becca Hands, owners of Fritz Signs, provided information about electronic billboards. They would like to install an electronic billboard in Spring Arbor. After much discussion, a subcommittee of Doug Martz, Al Sorenson, Jan Gardner and Terry French was formed to review this topic and report back to the planning commission an opinion as to whether or not this ordinance should be amended.

Member Comments: none

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Luplow, Secretary