

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Wall, Supervisor
Kim Markee, Clerk
Margaret Birch, Treasurer
Anthony Bartolotta, Trustee
Karen Joliat, Trustee
Steven Thomas, Trustee
Art Frasca, Trustee (on the phone)

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Sandra Werth, Tony Bartolotta, Matt Ray, Steve Reno, Scott Sintkowski

STAFF:

Larry Lockwood, Scott Alef

OTHERS PRESENT:

Daryl Reppuhn
Dave Hardin

Meeting started at 3:05 p.m.

This joint meeting was called to discuss concerns between the Board of Trustees Members, and the Planning Commission Members. This meeting is used to further open communication between all members.

The meeting opened with a need to have more details of the plans before approving the site plan. U-Haul was an example of having "bare bones" detail, and approving it, because the Township was excited a business was looking at the property since it had sat vacant for a long time. Now the Township is having to ask U-Haul to change a few things, and asking U-Haul to meet what was asked of them. Going forward, the Planning Department will require all site plans be submitted with details before granting the approval to move forward. Decisions before the Commission should be based from the standards and supported by facts.

The Planning Department will continue to work with the Police Department and Fire Department to ensure their requirements are met.

The new marijuana law was also discussed. Some did not like the idea, however, it was mentioned Waterford Township needs to address the law before December 5, so it does not become a "free for all" with implementing recreational marijuana without considering concerns of the citizens such as closeness to residential housing, schools and churches.

Gary announced \$12.9M was approved by the State for the Summit Mall site to become a Brownfield Site. This will benefit the area for re-development. Demolition starts April 30, and may take six months for destruction. There will be a re-building phase of three to five years with a potential of 2,156 jobs added to the area.

Other area advancements and improvements were discussed such as STI is adding on approximately 60,000 sq. ft. site and they usually include eye appealing landscaping. Tropical Café is coming along well on M-59. Suburban Ford is working on completing their landscaping. It would be beneficial to the Township if the old Flannery Ford location along with an adjacent 5 acres would be sold and developed. Dr. Michelle Legacy is a new Dermatologist in Waterford, and we are anxious for her practice to grow in Waterford. Daryl Reppuhn mentioned he thought Huron Gardens would be built-up in the future as an off-shoot from the Summit Mall redevelopment.

Meeting adjourned about 4:00 p.m.

Kim Markee, Clerk

Gary Wall, Supervisor