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***MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING***

**DATE: September 26, 2022**

**TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSION**

Chair – Vicki Bachakes

Ronald Voigt

Vice Chair – Christopher Czyzio

Craig Davis

Secretary - William Mills

Amy Bolin

Terry A. Peck, Board of Trustees Representative

Mandy Hemingway, Recording Secretary

**PRESENT:** Vicki Bachakes, Christopher Czyzio, William Mills, Ronald Voigt, Craig Davis, Amy Bolin and Terry Peck

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fourteen (14) other individuals were present

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 P.M. by Planning Commission Chairperson Bachakes with Roll Call and Pledge to the American Flag.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**COMMISSIONER PECK MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Bolin to approve the agenda as presented.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**COMMISSIONER PECK MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Mills to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Mills, Bolin, Bachakes, Czyzio, Davis, Peck and Voigt

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS 4:01 P.M.**

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS 4:02 P.M.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Consideration of a most recent site plan for the purpose of a seasonal haunted hayride pursuant to Article XVIII Sec. 20-1804 (D) Agricultural Tourism Facilities at Parcel No. 08-11-100-006, property address 7462 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433 and possible motion.

The applicant, Alberto Dimatteo, was in attendance, along with his attorney, Chris Stritmatter. Mr. Stritmatter spoke briefly to the changes Mr. Dimatteo recently made to accommodate the requested changes to the previously submitted site plan.

At this time, Chairperson Bachakes deferred to Jason Ball from Rowe Engineering, who gave a brief synopsis of the changes made to the site plan.

After discussion, and review of the most recent site plan that had been submitted at 3:00 P.M. today, the following motion was made.

**COMMISSIONER PECK MOVED**, supported by Commissioner Voigt to approve the most recent site plan and grant this permit for this year, 2022, that is consistent with the previous motion to approve a Special Use Permit at the 9/12/22 Planning Commission meeting for a seasonal haunted hayride pursuant to Article XVIII Sec. 20-1804 (D) Agricultural Tourism Facilities at Parcel No. 08-11-100-006, property address 7462 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433, with the

understanding that going forward, these activities will be handled properly for next year.

**ACTION ON THE MOTION**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Davis, Bachakes, Czyzio, Mills, Peck, Voigt and Bolin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairperson Bachakes stated she had the understanding the applicant had been open over the weekend prior to receiving approval.

Mr. Dimatteo responded that yes, he was open over the weekend prior to receiving approval.

Chairperson Bachakes informed Mr. Dimatteo it is not good practice to ignore township approval, regulations and ordinances.

Mr. Dimatteo stated he understood, but he felt that it was detrimental to his business and survival and for the overall good of everybody to not cause more financial damage by remaining closed.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OPEN FOR COMMENTS:** 4:23 P.M.

One comment was made.

**CLOSED FOR COMMENTS:** 4:24 P.M.

**VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mills commented that he likes saying the Pledge of Allegiance in public .

Commissioner Peck commented to the applicant that the applicant had previous experience with how things worked at the township, following procedure and the approval process with the horse farm located at the same address, yet failed to follow rules for the current business venture. Going forward, there should be no misunderstanding in the process and things needing to be done in a timely manner.

**VIII. NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING IS TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 11, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 P.M.

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VICKI BACHAKES, Chairperson

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WILLIAM MILLS, Secretary

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Date of Approval

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Mandy Hemingway, Recording Secretary