

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego Planning Commission was held on Monday, May 22, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Milhiem called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Jason Bohl, Gary Trobeck, Stacey Withee and City Manager Mitchell. Absent: Jayson Ennis, Ben Dotterer, Wayne Rayburn, Ric Saucedo.

Member Withee made a motion to excuse Member Ric Saucedo, Jayson Ennis, Ben Dotterer, and Wayne Rayburn, seconded by Member Trobeck. CARRIED.

On a motion by Member Bohl, seconded by Member Trobeck, the February 28, 2023, minutes will stand as submitted.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

III. CONSIDERATIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE APPROVAL OF A SITE PLAN FOR 541 WEST ALLEGAN STREET LEGACY ROOFING & RESTORATIONS

Member Mitchell gave an overview of the Site Plan, which is for a 30X40 pole barn on a commercial lot with a parking lot. At this time, the owner of Legacy Roofing, Jeremy Strotheide, stated that he may have two business on the one lot. He stated that the front part of the building will be office space and the back half will be for his personal storage. A discussion took place regarding the use of the property. Member Mitchell stated that in order for this site plan to be approved the applicant has to combine the property, which at this time is pending filing of the deed at Allegan County and combining Lots 50 and 49, in order for the site plan to be approved

Member Withee moved to recommend to the City Commission the approval of the Site Plan for Legacy Roofing, 541 W Allegan Street, with the stipulation that all deeds are filed with the County giving ownership to Legacy Roofing, and Lots 50 & 49 are combined before the Site Plan can be presented for approval to the City Commission, seconded by Member Mitchell. CARRIED.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Member Mitchell gave an overview of the potential redevelopment plans for the Rock-Tenn property. He explained all of the infrastructure needs, upgrading of Helen Ave, extending the Riverwalk, and other improvements the City will need to make in the near future. A lengthy discussion took place regarding these new improvements and how they will be funded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Fouch, 359 W Franklin – he asked how the City will get funding for the improvements – through grants, or a millage? Member Mitchell stated that the City will be looking at grants and working with the development company. Mr. Fouch asked if Federal Grants were available. Member Mitchell commented that the City is not eligible for MSHDA funds because we are not classified as a low to moderate income community. He also asked if the County would recoup

their funds first. Member Mitchell stated that it has not been decided yet. Mr. Fouch commented that it is a big deal.

Member Bohl commented that he was glad to see that the Public Safety Millage passed and congratulated the City.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Member Trobeck, seconded by Member Mitchell.

CARRIED – 7:43 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC City Clerk