

Green Oak Charter Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017

Approved: _____

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sellis at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Tim Keyser
 Keith Lee
 Deborah Sellis
 Michelle Stock

Absent: Lamberto Smigliani
 Michael Sedlak
 Sarah Pearsall

Also Present: Debra McKenzie, Zoning Administrator
 Paul Montagno, Carlisle Wortman

Guests:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion by Lee, second by Stock
To approve the agenda as presented.**

**Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
 Nays: None**

MOTION APPROVED

Approval of the August 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Motion by Keyser, second by Lee
To approve the minutes of August 3, 2017 as presented.**

**Voice Vote: Ayes: Unanimous
 Nays: None**

MOTION APPROVED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chuck Fellows – He offered his support of the special use request for Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Facility. He explained he was on the Planning Commission when this facility was first proposed. They had extensive exposure to this facility and he felt it is an excellent use for the Township.

50 **John Malek** – He also is in support of the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Facility, he
51 explained he was a customer at one time and felt this will be a great asset to Green Oak
52 Township.

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54 **BUSINESS ITEMS**

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56 **1. Introduction of Police and Fire, an overview of the building site.**

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58 Trustee Richard Everett provided an overview of the new Police, Fire and community
59 center building. He explained the site plan will be coming to the Planning Commission
60 for review in two weeks. They felt it was prudent to look at all three buildings at once. He
61 provided a slide presentation of the proposed project. The Commission thanked Trustee
62 Everett for the presentation and information.

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65 **2. D&G Nature’s Way SP05-2017, #4716-11-400-067. The project is located**
66 **at 12927 Silver Lake Road, Brighton, MI 48116**

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68 Representing D&G Nature’s Way: Tim Zimmer, Livingston Engineering
69 Jim Jackson, owner

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71 Mr. Montagno explained the applicant is proposing to develop a site for a lawn care and
72 fertilization business on Silver Lake Road west of Kensington. They are looking to put in
73 a 20,000-sq. foot building, that would house 2500 sq. feet of office and the balance would
74 be used for warehouse and storage of supplies. This use is consistent with the uses
75 permitted in the general industrial district. He explained the site is gravel surface and any
76 areas that are not part of the development site shall be restored to grass or landscaping
77 area. The applicant has indicated they will do a second phase but they have not seen
78 plans for that. They do meet the parking requirements, site access and circulation. There
79 are a few areas to add trees in the greenbelts along the side.

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81 Mr. Zimmer explained the building is 20,000 sq. feet. They understand all the stipulations
82 and are asking for consideration with regard to some of the landscaping issues. Mainly
83 along the frontage there is a good deal of vegetation and the owner would like to maintain
84 that along with the stockade fence in lieu of the greenbelt. Across the back, the fence
85 extends around to the adjacent property which this site was split from. From a security
86 standpoint, there is a perimeter fence and he would consider providing in lieu of a fence
87 across the back and put plantings in the 600’ instead of a fence. In terms of the existing
88 gravel, this is a first phase, and as things progress the intent is to build out the rest of the
89 site. Rather than replacing a good base for a building they ask for consideration to allow
90 the gravel to remain and add the greenbelt plantings in the back. It is their preference to
91 leave the gravel there as a jumping off point for expansion in the future.

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93 Ms. Stock questioned if they allowed the gravel to stay for a future expansion what would
94 happen if the site is never developed. Mr. Zimmer stated the orientation of the building
95 allows it to be extended in bays in the east/west direction and it’s being set up for that
96 purpose. The economy would be a factor and there are some things around the perimeter
97 to add some greenspace. Generally speaking, it would be best for their situation to leave
98 some flexibility as to how this development will expand. He felt it was safe to say the size

99 of the building and the footprint of the paving is all set up for the current fleet that operates
100 out of the business and from what he understands that has been growing. He can't
101 confirm a time line other than the natural progression as capacity is needed.

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103 Mr. Jackson confirmed they have been in their current location since 1978 and they have
104 grown. He explained this is for storage only, no retail. Next to the office there will be small
105 maintenance area but most work is sourced out.

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107 Mr. Lee commented on the lot coverage and felt that the restoration should be done to
108 the maximum facility size. The applicant agreed.

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110 Mr. Montagno explained the truck turning diagrams were provided and the Road
111 Commission approval has been received.

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113 Mr. Lee questioned secondary containment for the drums/granules. Mr. Jackson stated
114 that its 50 lb bags of fertilizer that are brought in and it's inside cold storage. Mr. Lee
115 explained there is water not too far away and he wondered if there is secondary
116 containment. Mr. Jackson stated there are very small amounts of herbicides stored
117 outside and it's a fence secured area. Mr. Lee suggested some sort of curb around it,
118 some sort of impervious surface. Mr. Jackson explained they want to do that and keep
119 everything contained.

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121 Mr. Montagno explained at the end of the one of the bays there is a parking space that is
122 just striped as a separation between the driving area and parking bay and they request
123 that it's separated by a raised berm and the applicant indicated they had no problem with
124 that.

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126 **Motion by Sellis, second by Keyser**

127 **To approve D&G Nature's Way SP05-2017 \$4716-11-400-067 12927 Silver**
128 **Lake Road with the following items to be addressed:**

- 129 **1. The applicant would agree to separate parking spaces from driveways using**
130 **raised islands.**
- 131 **2. The applicant agreed to apply secondary containment around the exterior**
132 **storage.**
- 133 **3. Calculate the maximum space possible for use on the site to determine the**
134 **area to be restored to turf.**

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136 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
137 **Nays: None**

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139 **MOTION APPROVED**

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141 **C. Livingston County Master Plan Presentation**

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143 Kathleen Kline-Hudson, Director of Livingston County Planning Department and Bill
144 Anderson provided a brief preservation regarding the Livingston County Master Plan.

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146 Ms. Kline-Hudson explained the text amendments are not always clear and it's nice to
147 have someone from the Planning Commission in the audience during the meetings to

148 answer questions. They are working on updating the 2003 Master Plan and they started
149 the process at the end of 2015. A draft for distribution should be ready by the end of the
150 year.

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152 **D. Public Hearing for Special use SAU 01-2017 request to allow Oxford**
153 **Hyperbaric Oxygen facility at 7030 Whitmore Lake Road, Brighton, MI 48116**
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155 Mr. Montagno explained the zoning ordinance allows for special uses to locate within the
156 limited industrial district with a special use. The applicant is proposing to utilize an existing
157 facility and this is a good reuse of an existing building. No physical changes to the site
158 are proposed. There is existing vegetation that would screen the oxygen tank. Their only
159 outstanding concern is the number of employees or clients that would be onsite at one
160 time.

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162 Mr. Montagno reviewed the basis of determination.

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164 The applicant confirmed the oxygen is liquid and comes in a 1500 gallon tank. The current
165 one in South Lyon is in the parking lot and most people don't even notice it. The applicant
166 explained they already purchased 10 acres and have been working with an architect. It
167 felt that they needed an interim move.

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169 Ms. Sellis opened public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

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171 **Chuck Fellows** – He explained he is a prior member of the Planning Commission and
172 when the 10 acre site was originally proposed the Planning Commission received a
173 complete tour of the facility in South Lyon and had an opportunity to speak with patients.
174 Based on all that work, they approved the proposal. He encouraged them to approve this
175 because it will be use of space that is vacant now and will be a benefit to the community.

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177 **John Malek** – He explained he was on the Planning Commission many years ago and
178 he was a patient at this facility. He felt there was no downside of approving this. There
179 are no residential neighbors that would have any objections to the traffic there. He
180 thought this would be a perfect setting for what they do day in and day out.

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182 Ms. Sellis closed the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

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184 The applicant gave a brief explanation of the business.

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186 **Motion by Lee, second by Stock**
187 **To direct staff to bring back a proposal for the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen**
188 **Facility at 7030 Whitmore Lake Road.**
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190 Ms. Sellis added the following amendment to the motion:

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192 **Request that staff further explore the conditions listed in the August 31, 2017**
193 **summary and recommendation regarding parking calculations, hours of**
194 **operation, storage of oxygen tank, and any recommended conditions on the**
195 **proposed research facility.**
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197 **Mr. Lee accepted the amendment to the motion and Ms. Stock continued**
198 **support of the motion.**

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200 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous**
201 **Nays: None**

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203 **MOTION APPROVED**

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205 **REPORTS**

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207 **Chairman** – None
208 **Township Board Representative** – None
209 **ZBA Representative**- None
210 **Planning Consultant** –. None

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212 **Correspondence** – None.

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214 **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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216 **Chuck Fellows** – He commented he didn't know how the Police Department has
217 functioned for this long and he hoped the plans went forward. He provided a copy of the
218 Senate Bill 329 that was introduced in April. The way this proposed legislation is written
219 the Planning Commission will no longer be necessary. It will remove their authority to
220 control zoning in residential districts. He wanted them to be aware of it and how
221 unacceptable it is for local communities. He explained there is a lot of material on motions
222 and parliamentary procedures for the new members of the Planning Commission. With
223 regard to the D&G Natures Way, the gravel is a permeable surface and it's natural
224 drainage. Manufacturing Day is October 6, 2017 which is a nationwide event that
225 introduces students to manufacturing. It's purpose is to introduce manufacturing jobs to
226 our students. In 2020 they are expecting a shortage of over 5 million skilled and semi
227 skilled positions. Michigan is trying to grow the manufacturing segment and they can go
228 to mfgday.com to learn more.

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231 **ADJOURNMENT**

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233 Ms. Sellis adjourned the Regular Planning Commission meeting at 8:35 p.m. due to no
234 further business.

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237 Respectfully Submitted,

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239 *Kellie Angelosanto*

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242 Recording Secretary