

Charter Township of Gun Plain
Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes of March 20, 2024

Members present; Novick, Sullivan Bennett, McHugh, Gustafson, Webber
Absent; Albertson-Stowell

Motion by Sullivan 2nd Novick to approve the February 21st minutes Approved
Motion by Webber 2nd McHugh to approve the Agenda Approved

Public Comment

Wayne Layman 623 11th St. will be submitting plans for another storage building.

Nick Annamaro would like to install solar panels on his roof. He would like to see a change to Ordinance 166 Solar Panel Placement.

New Business

Motion by Webber 2nd Sullivan to open the meeting to the public. Approved

Samantha and Fred Peterson 807 11th St., Parcel #03-08-007-016-00
They are requesting a change in zoning from R-1 to R-2. In the future they plan on splitting the property into three 2 acre parcels for single family homes with septic and the potential for natural gas.

Motion by Webber 2nd McHugh to close the meeting to the Public Approved

Motion by Webber 2nd Bennett we recommend the Gun Plain Township Board of Trustees approve the request for a rezone from R-1 to R-2 for Samantha and Fred Peterson 807 11th St., Parcel # 03-08-007-016-00. The request meets the Zoning Map Amendment Criteria (attached) and the request is in line with the Future Land Use Map.
All Approve

Old Business

Zoning Splits will be discussed at a joint meeting with the Township Board on April 17th.

Motion by Bennett 2nd Webber to adjourn Approved

D.Webber

Fred + Samantha Peterson
807 11th St
#03-08-007-016-00

- e. Signature(s) of petitioner(s) and owner(s), certifying the accuracy of the information.
 - f. Identification of the Zoning District requested and the existing zoning classification of the property.
 - g. A vicinity map showing the location of the property, north arrow, and adjacent land uses and zoning classifications.
 - h. Any additional information deemed appropriate by the Planning Commission.
2. If a petition involves a change in the text of the Zoning Ordinance, the petitioner shall submit the following information:
- a. A detailed statement of the petition, clearly and completely setting forth all proposed provisions and regulations, including all changes in the Zoning Ordinance necessary to accommodate the proposed amendment.
 - b. Name and address of the petitioner.
 - c. Reasons for the proposed amendment.

C. Zoning Map Amendment Criteria

In considering any petition for an amendment to the Zoning Map, the Planning Commission and Township Board shall consider the following criteria in making its findings, recommendations and decision:

1. Consistency with the goals, policies and future land use map of the Gun Plain Charter Township Master Plan, including any subarea or corridor studies. If conditions have changed since the Master Plan was adopted, the consistency with recent development trends in the area. *OK*
2. Compatibility of the site's physical, geological, hydrological and other environmental features with the host of uses permitted under the current zoning. *future zoning* *✓*
3. Evidence the applicant cannot receive a reasonable return on investment through developing the property with one (1) of the uses permitted under the current zoning. *OK*
4. The compatibility of all the potential uses allowed in the proposed zoning district with surrounding uses and zoning in terms of land suitability, impacts on the environment, density, nature of use, traffic impacts, aesthetics, infrastructure and potential influence on property values. *OK*

5. *OK* The capacity of Township utilities and services sufficient to accommodate the uses permitted in the requested district without compromising the “health, safety and welfare” of the Township.
6. *OK* The capability of the street system to safely and efficiently accommodate the expected traffic generated by uses permitted in the requested zoning district.
7. *OK* The apparent demand for the types of uses permitted in the requested zoning district in relation to the amount of land in the Township currently zoned and available to accommodate the demand.
8. *OK* The boundaries of the requested rezoning district are reasonable in relationship to surroundings and construction on the site will be able to meet the dimensional regulations for the zoning district listed in the Schedule of Regulations.
9. *OK* If a rezoning is appropriate, the requested zoning district is considered to be more appropriate from the Township’s perspective than another zoning district.
10. *NO* If the request is for a specific use, is rezoning the land more appropriate than amending the list of permitted or special land uses in the current zoning district to allow the use?
11. *OK* The requested rezoning will not create an isolated and unplanned spot zone.
12. *OK* The request has not previously been submitted within the past one (1) year, unless conditions have changed or new information has been provided.
13. *OK* Other factors deemed appropriate by the Planning Commission and Township Board.

D. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Criteria

The Planning Commission and Township Board shall consider the following criteria for initiating amendments to the zoning ordinance text or responding to a petitioner’s request to amend the ordinance text.

1. The proposed amendment would correct an error in the Ordinance.
2. The proposed amendment would clarify the intent of the Ordinance.
3. Documentation has been provided from Township staff or the Zoning Board of Appeals indicating problems or conflicts in implementation or interpretation of specific sections of the Ordinance.
4. The proposed amendment would address changes to state legislation.