

Rochester Township Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

Members Present: Chair Arthur Handelman, Laura Laudon, Brad Lewis, Josef Pleticha and Colin Patterson

TCPA Staff: Jered Staton (Roger Ihrke was absent)

Others Present: Bill Tointen, Gene Peters, Jason Kappers and other members of the public

Chair Handelman called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Chair Handelman asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022, meeting.

Brad Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Josef Pleticha seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

The only item on the agenda was Millie Meadows Third. Mr. Staton stated that the preliminary plat was approved (by the Township and Zoning Board) but the mailboxes needed to be discussed.

Chair Handelman then opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

The discussion then started about the mailbox placement. There is a mailbox area on the preliminary plat. All the mailboxes will be in one location. There will be parking spaces in front of the mailboxes for the residents to park and pick up their mail and/or packages. There will be two large containers for USPS packages.

Mr. Staton stated that the Township engineer initially had no comments, but now that the final plat is in progress, there are concerns about snowplowing around the area.

The concrete space for the mailboxes will be flushed with the pavement. Some members suggested that the snowplow driver may just have to make an extra pass. Other members asked if there would be lighting by the area.

The HOA would be responsible for clearing the sidewalk by the mailboxes.

The discussion continued about alternatives to a “bump out” in the mailbox area, a small private U shape loop, etc. It was also suggested to make the roadway wider. In summary, members were trying to think of ways to accommodate the snowplow driver.

Members felt it’s hard to decide about this without input from the snowplow driver(s).

Colin Patterson made a motion to table this item and continue the public hearing until our February 7, 2023, meeting.

Brad Lewis seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Laudon