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ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024
7:00pm**

Regular Meeting – In Person

Alamo Township Hall

7901 N. 6th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

1. Call to Order – Chair Emily Gilroy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Roll Call of Commissioners – Chair Emily Adams, Commissioner Matthew Town, Commissioner Ron Feniger, Vice Chair Tony LoBretto, and Commissioner Jason Scheffers were present. Julie Johnstone and Kevin Cardiff were also present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – was said
4. Approval of Agenda Chair Emily Gilroy made a motion to approve the September Agenda. Commissioner Matthew Town supported. Motion passed without opposition.
5. Approval of Minutes – Chair Emily Gilroy made a motion to approve the August minutes as written. Commissioner Ron Feniger supported. Motion passed without opposition.
6. Old Business – No old business
7. New Business
 - a. 5675 W. D Avenue – Friendly Pickle – Site Plan – The Contractor, Architect, and Owner were present to discuss the plans. The Friendly Pickle will be built just west of the existing EGLE building on D Ave. The driveway will come directly off D Ave. Discussion was had as to whether a turning lane should be constructed to help with traffic. They will be relying on the road commission to determine that need. More discussion was had on lighting, which all lighting will be down lighting with little overflow onto adjacent properties. Parking needs were also discussed. Commissioner Ron Feniger was concerned with only 67 parking places being constructed. The number of parking places was determined by similar type buildings in the area, along with the owner doing research on needs from other similar businesses. A Neighbor had some questions regarding run off water control. The architect and engineer will spec the retention / drainage ditch to handle the water.
 - b. Commissioner Jason Scheffers made a motion to approve the plans as presented given that all local, county, and state codes and requirements are met. Chair Emily Gilroy supported.
 - i. Roll Call Vote: Chair Emily Adams – Yes Commissioner Matthew Town – Yes
Commissioner Ron Feniger - No Commissioner Tony LoBretto – Yes
Commissioner Jason Scheffers – Yes



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ii. Motion Passed

8. Working Meeting with Julie Johnson over Land Use Plan
 - a. Land Use Plan – Working Meeting – We completed a review on the Master plan and each commissioner had the opportunity to suggest changes. Good discussion was had and very little change was suggested. Julie will be prepping for the board. If the board can review yet this week and take a vote next week at our board meeting, the 63 public comment period would start directly after it is approved. If the board would prefer review and wait a month, the 63 day required public comment period would begin after next months meeting. Following that, we can proceed with adopting.
9. Citizen Comments – no citizen comments
10. Commissioner Comments – no commissioner comments
11. Adjourn – Commissioner Jason Scheffers made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Tony LoBretto supported. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Scheffers