

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
PC-2019-24, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL, SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST AND  
SITE PLAN  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019**

The Charter Township of Orion Planning Commission held a Public Hearing Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:05pm at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan 48360.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Justin Dunaskiss, Chairman	Don Gross, Vice Chairman
John Steimel, BOT Rep to PC	Todd Garris, Commissioner
Don Walker, PC Rep to ZBA	Joe St. Henry, Secretary
Scott Reynolds, Commissioner	

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Don Gross, Vice Chairman

**CONSULTANTS PRESENT:**

Doug Lewan (Township Planner) of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.  
Mark Landis (Township Engineer) of OHM Advisors  
Tammy Girling, Township Planning & Zoning Director

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Debra Walton	Chris Marcus
John N. Smith	James Rutkowski
Jenn Zielinski	

PC-2019-24, St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, Special Land Use request for a scoreboard on a baseball field, located at unaddressed parcels west of 118 Indianwood Rd. (09-02-176-003 & 09-02-176-015) & 703 N. Lapeer Rd. (09-02-176-001).

Chairman Dunaskiss invited the petitioner to make a presentation.

Mr. John Smith, 1400 Wildflower Ct., a parishioner and a volunteer on several committees at St. Joes Parish located on Lapeer Rd, presented.

Mr. Smith noted that the scoreboard that they are proposing to erect is off of Indianwood where their baseball field has been located for several years. The baseball field primary use is for their youth program the school children participate in grades 5-8 typically participate in it. They have about 50-70 kids per year depending on the class and interest. What their initiative was, was to install the scoreboard just as an enhancement to the kids, the youth's activities of the ballgame. They currently don't have lights on the field and there is no plans or indication there is any interest in it. The youth league which is the only league that the school participates in is just for the Catholic Parishes and the Archdiocese. Depending on the level of activity or the participation the games typically start in April given the weather and are usually done by the end of May, so it is a very short season. They don't at this time or for many years have had any adult league's or parish adult league's so it is strictly youth activity. The scoreboard picture in the Boards packet was just a rendering they got from the scoreboard company giving them some ideas, so there are actually three components to that in that the top St. Joe's Maverick, that is a non-illuminated, just vinyl on aluminum; the scoreboard is right underneath it and then the bottom is just a banner not illuminated. The only thing that is illuminated on the scoreboard is the balls, strikes and the digits for the innings and the score. It is not an elaborate scoreboard, there is no sound attached to it they don't have a speaker system on the field. There are no other lights, bells or whistles it is not a Comerica Ballpark scoreboard installation. The utilities for the scoreboard, there is only the electric it will be an underground installation. Mr. Steve Auger a parish member and Architect with AKA has done the drawings for them

and Mr. Landis stated there were a couple of items that needed to be clarified on there that he has already spoke with Mr. Auger about and will be taking care of.

Mr. Smith added that the installation will be handled, the purchase will be from Daktronics the installation will be by their vender AJ sign company out of St. Clair. This is not a parent lead installation this scoreboard was hatched over their school boosters. They could buy a scoreboard for \$4,000 Joe is an electrician, Pete does steel and all of a sudden, he said they can't do that, they have liabilities and commitments. This will be a professionally installed installation, Mr. Augers engineers have look at it and Mr. Landis has looked at it so that it will be done to spec. They don't think that there is any significant impact to their neighbors, not sure what feedback if any of them have had. It is located in deep center field, so it is approximately 200-ft. off of Indianwood Rd., and 180 plus feet off of their east boundary so it in the center of those parcels on Indianwood Rd. They don't anticipate any additional traffic other than typical parents that come see their children play. They have on-site parking adjacent to the field so they don't anticipate any additional traffic or overflow parking. There are no sidewalks on Indianwood, they do have a chain-link fence that parallels Indianwood Rd. that will keep the children safe. He tried to get from the vendor the brightness of the LED digits and an aluminum data, he tried 3 different times and he did finally get to one tech support person that said the targeted LED lighting the temperature was 3,500 K which he knows is daylight type. Each board does have a dimmer switch and so the brightness of the digits can be adjusted down or up to it's maximum of 3,500. When he asked about the aluminum data he was told since this isn't a nighttime board it would be unmeasurable from a 50, 100 or 200-ft. mark so he was told it wasn't a consideration in this type of small school installations.

Chairman Dunaskiss invited members from the public to come up and make their comments. He asked them to state their name and address for the record.

There were no comments or written correspondence from the public received.

Chairman Dunaskiss then asked if there were any comments from the Planning Commission members at this time? There were not.

Chairman Dunaskiss closed the PC-2019-24, St. Joseph Catholic Church & School Special Land Use Public Hearing at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Walton  
PC/ZBA Recording Secretary  
Charter Township of Orion

7/17/19  
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Planning Commission Approval Date