

Michigamme Township Planning Commission

Minutes from September 8, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Klumpp, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Kay Frisk, Julia Leake, Terry McBride, Ruth Starr and Zoning Adm. Erin Bertucci.

Approval of Agenda: Terry McBride motioned to approve the agenda for September 8, 2022 with the following additions, Member introductions, Zoning Report and Sign Ordinance . 2nd by Julia Leake. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays; **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Minutes: Julia Leake motioned to approve the minutes from August 25, 2022 with the following corrections. Typo on members present and public comment. 2nd by Ruth Starr, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, member Kay Frisk dissenting. **Motion Passed.**

Member Introduction: Chair Jolene Klumpp asked for members to give an introduction of themselves so we can get to know each other a bit. All members participated.

Old Business:

- A) **Blight Properties update:** Erin B. informed us that unsafe freezers and refrigerators are to be referred to the Sheriff's Dept. She needs to find out who actually owns some of the blighted properties. Citation, monetary fine, court then jail is the order. Up to \$500 citation max. In the past procedures were not followed. The process was not done properly. The Post Office will have record of refusal on certified letters.
- B) **Unsafe Properties update:** Township Supervisor is responsible to send the letters out. If not taken care of, local Inspector Pete Starkey gets involved. His fee is \$35.00 and hour and has to be approved by the Township Board.
- C) **Education Discussion:** discussion was held about the MSU continuing education classes. How they change and are 6-week courses. We need to work as a team with the education process.
- D) **New Emails:** Chair Jolene Klumpp gave us a new email. Joklumpppc@gmail.com Julia Leake is trustee1@michigammetownship.com
- E) **Disruptions:** Chair J. Klumpp reminded us that disruptive side conversations from the public during the planning meeting need to halt.
- F) **Container Ordinance:** Motion by K. Frisk for the Township Board to review the Container Ordinance; 2nd by J. Leake. 5 Ayes **Motion Passed**
- G) **Solar Energy Review:** Amendment to Solar Energy (Section 416) asked by Chair to move forward to township Board for approval. Motion by K.Frisk; 2nd by R.Starr. 5Ayes **Motion Passed.**

- H) Zoning Administrators Presentation: E. Bertucci did a power point about Public Hearings. Excellent, informative facts referencing conflict of interest, changes in the community etc. Hard copy to follow for each member.
- I) Sign Ordinance: Motion to move the Sign Ordinance to the Township Board by R. Starr; 2nd by T. McBride. 5 Ayes **Motion Passed**.

New Business:

- A) Agenda Items: All agenda items will go through the Chair. Supervisor may put items on the agenda.
- B) Ad-Hoc Committee: Chair J. Klumpp would like all of us to work on the bylaws, not an ad-hoc committee. A work session was scheduled for **September 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** E. Bertucci will forward Ely Townships to members, we will reference Ishpeming, Republic and the ABC Townships.
- C) Zoning Report: E. Bertucci gave her written report covering permits, discovery, complaints, site visits, other and classes.
- D) Homework: Review Energy Wind Section (417)

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Laura Mattson was glad to see set up in conference room. Added less stress for everyone. Chet DeRoche asked about multiple landowners on one property all getting blight citations? Yes, letters go to each owner.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next Meeting October 13, 2022

John T. McBride, Secretary

September 11, 2022