

Kathleen Frisk - Liaison

Open - Chairman

Irene DeRoche - Secretary

Marsha McBride - Member

**MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
December 6, 2023 - Minutes**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7 P.M

II. ROLL CALL - Present; Kathleen Frisk - Liaison, Irene DeRoche - Secretary, Marsha McBride - member, Joleen Dutcher - Ordinance Enforcement Officer.
Absent: Mike Simula - Zoning Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion made by Marsha McBride, second by Kathleen Frisk, motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November meeting was canceled due to no quorum. No minutes to be approved.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - (THREE MINUTE LIMIT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) None

VII. BOARD COMMENT - None

VIII. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR COMMENT - None

IX. ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER COMMENT-

There are issues of how Michigamme Township Ordinances were written in the past. Some issues are that some of the Township ordinances do not have a title such as the parking and snow removal. There were two ordinances with the number 6. Some ordinances need correction actions before citations could be issued. For example, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Joleen talked to a resident about their trailer being parked on the road due to plowing. The owner has removed the trailer from the road and no citations were needed and the issue was resolved. When citations are issued, it is the burden of proof up to the Township to communicate to the court. Our Zoning Ordinance's form needs some corrections. Another option of possibilities to look at is to make a Department for the township that could represent the Marquette County Court better with issues that need to be addressed through our court system. Our new Ordinance Enforcement Officer will be working on issues with our Township ordinances

and will go through the proper channels to resolve these issues. Also, Our Zoning Ordinance form needs some corrections.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. William Gierut resignation - William Gierut resigned from the Planning Commission on November 1, 2023.
2. Approval of May 17, 2023 workshop minutes, they were already approved on June 7, 2023 since changes were made, no motion is needed.
June 7, 2023 minutes, motion made by Kathleen Frisk, second by Irene DeRoche, motion passed.
July 12, 2023 workshop minutes, motion made by Kathleen Frisk, second by Irene DeRoche, motion passed.
October 4, 2023 minutes, motion made by Kathleen Frisk, second by Irene DeRoche, motion passed.
Oct 12, 2023 Workshop minutes, motion made by Kathleen Frisk, second by Irene DeRoche, motion passed.
3. Setting time for a Workshop meeting for Master Plan Survey. January 18, 6 PM
4. Making meeting schedule for 2024 Meetings:

The Planning Commission will continue meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month, just the time of the meetings will be changed from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

January 3, 2024, 6 PM

February 7, 2024, 6 PM

March 6, 2004, 6 PM

April 3, 2024, 6 PM

May 1, 2024, 6 PM

June 5, 2024, 6 PM

July - no meeting

August 7, 2024, 6 PM

September 4, 2024, 6 PM

October 2, 2024, 6 PM

November 6, 2024, 6 PM

December 4, 2024, 6 PM

5. Appointment of Temporary Chair for the Planning Commission - Marsha McBride will be Temporary Chair until Elections next month in January of 2024. Motion made by Irene DeRoche, Second by Kathleen Frisk, motion passed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. BOARD COMMENT - Discussed January 3, 2024 Agenda that will include finishing the Bylaws, Elections to appoint Planning Commission Chair and Secretary. Presently, there are no membership terms that have expired.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - 9 p.m.