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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 03, 2022 7:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Walter at 7:30 PM. Members Present: Mike Walter, George Daubner, Dave Thompson, Ashley Buniack, John Seefeld, Sybil Kolon, Doug Brooks. Others Present: Alissa Starling, township planning consultant representative; Brenda Bancroft, recording secretary; Carl Werner, Laura Gervick, Bill Gervick, and a member of the public.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Walter, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 6, 2022 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented. Minutes to be amended that Daubner had motioned to approve the agenda from this meeting, and not Brooks.

A motion was made by Brooks, second by Daubner, to approve the minutes as amended of the October 6, 2022 meeting. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment was made from a member of the public regarding cargo/storage containers in backyards and concerns with how is it regulated within the township ordinances.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson – Chairman Walter sent board documents as follows: Manchester Joint Master Plan Goals & Objectives Worksheet, and Selected Zoning Court Cases Concerning the Michigan Right to Farm Act. Also asked the board to fill out the worksheet regarding the joint master plan and to return it to him as soon as they are able.

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Seefeld informed the board that he will send out the regular board meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 and gave an overview of the meeting, including that the Hidden Lake RV Resort has made significant progress. They plan on opening for phase one in the spring. Broadband should start in the township soon and the first section will be completed by MEC. Spoke about the recycling bins' location and asked for suggestions from the board on where the best place

Kolon – Would like to add the Greater Irish Hills Region Intermunicipality Committee to the reports for future meetings. Kolon had attended the last meeting in September and informed the board that they are finishing up their recreation plan and hope to have it ready for February 2023, which would allow them to be eligible for grants for the Irish Hills area. Informed the board that Woodstock Township is rejecting their ARPA funds. The next meeting is November 18, 2022. Has been in contact with the Washtenaw County Conservation District regarding a presentation for local municipal governments addressing purchase of development rights. Was hoping to potentially arrange this for Manchester Township or perhaps Southwest Washtenaw County. Sharon Township is participating in this presentation and it is scheduled for January 2023.

Brooks – inquired with the board on where Thorn Lake Solar stands. Agreed with Kolon that purchasing development rights to preserve the rural character of Manchester Township should be pursued.

Thompson – wanted to comment that the Joint Planning should use full partnership between the village and the township.

Walter – spoke on his goals for the joint master plan in regards to the Joint Planning Commission, including goals for township growth.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Werner – commented on camping ordinance and provided his suggestions for revision.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all.
Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM

Approved as presented
Brenda Bancroft
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