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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2022 7:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Walter at 7:33 PM. Members Present: Mike Walter, George Daubner, Dave Thompson, Ashley Buniack, Sybil Kolon, Doug Brooks. Members Absent: John Seefeld. Others Present: Alissa Starling, township planning consultant representative; Brenda Bancroft, recording secretary; Township Supervisor Ron Milkey; Carl Werner.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Minutes to be amended to add the Greater Irish Hills Regional Intermunicipality Committee (GIHRIC) to Reports of Committees.

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 3, 2022 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented.

A motion was made by Kolon, second by Brooks, to approve the minutes as presented of the November 3, 2022 meeting. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Werner provided suggestions to the planning commission regarding the Camping Ordinance.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson – Chairman Walter would like the board’s feedback regarding the Joint Planning Commission worksheet. Walter also reported there will be a land preservation presentation, open to the public, in February 2023, This will be focused on how members of the public can create the opportunity to preserve the land and create open space.

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Township Supervisor Ron Milkey gave the report from the November 15, 2022 Manchester Township Board Meeting, as John Seefeld is absent. Mike Fusilier will be the Manchester Township Board Representative

as of the January 2023 meeting for the next few months, as Seefeld will not be attending the next few meetings through winter.

III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals – nothing to report.

IV. Report of Planning Consultant – Alissa Starling has been working on revising ordinance language for the Agritourism Ordinance, Camping Ordinance, and presented language in regards to Cargo Container Storage.

V. Reports of Committees

i. SWWCOG – No report. Next meeting is February 2023.

ii. Joint Planning Commission – No report. Next meeting is January 2023.

iii. GIHRIC (Irish Hills) - Cancelled the meeting in November 2022. Next meeting will be in January 2023.

VI. Correspondence – no correspondence.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Agritourism – It was determined by the Planning Commission that the next draft of this ordinance would be ready for a public hearing.

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Thompson, to move the proposed Agritourism Ordinance language to a public hearing at 6:30 PM at the January 5, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

II. Camping Ordinance – planning commission discussed revisions for the camping ordinance language. Alissa Starling will present another draft for the next meeting.

G. New Business

I. Cargo Container Storage

Alissa Starling presented draft language to consider for discussion. Planning commission will discuss this further at the January 2023 meeting.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS –

Kolon – gave suggestions regarding the Joint Planning Commission worksheet.

Thompson – commented that ensuring careful consideration of ordinances is vital to the Township – especially in light of solar farms and gravel mining.

Walter – commented that consideration of long-term planning is critical for the Township and is hopeful that, with diligence, Manchester Township can grow successfully.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Werner advised the planning commission that tightening up current ordinance language is critical for the township's future.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Brenda Bancroft

1/5/23

