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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023 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, Sybil Kolon, Doug Brooks, Mike Fusilier, Ashley Buniack. Others Present: Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft; Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling; Mike Brown.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 5, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented.

A motion was made by Kolon, second by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting as presented. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Brown spoke about his concerns regarding Thorn Lake Solar and his FOIA request.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson – Chairman Walter will be providing the planning commission with a corrected contact list and also a corrected meeting schedule, as he needs to change a typo on the email address for Doug Brooks, and also update the meeting schedule that the times will start at 7:30PM. Chairman Walter also reminded the planning commission and the public that there will be a land preservation meeting at February 16, 2023 at 7:30. In light of the current solar farm concerns and preserving rural character, he encourages all on the planning commission to attend if they are able. Alissa Starling presented the planning commission with information regarding land preservation that neighboring townships have pursued.

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Mike Fusilier presented a brief report from the January 2023 meeting.

Kolon commented that the River Raisin Watershed Council now has office hour and have a permanent office in in Tecumseh. She attended an open house meeting regarding the Brooklyn Dam removal. She also attended the land preservation meeting in Sharon Township and found it informative and well-received.

Fusilier commented that he's looking forward to attending the land preservation meeting.

Walter encouraged everyone to attend the land preservation meeting, as this will assist with providing a good starting point regarding this topic. Is also adding this topic to the parking lot items for next month's agenda.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Brown inquired with the Planning Commission on where the notice for tonight's Agritourism Public Hearing was posted. Also commented that the agenda for tonight's meeting had not been posted on the Township website.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

Brenda Bancroft 3/2/2023