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MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2023 7:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Walter at 7:32 PM. Members Present: Mike Walter, George Daubner, Sybil Kolon, Doug Brooks, Mike Fusilier, Ashley Buniack. Members Absent: Dave Thompson. Others Present: Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft; Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling; Manchester Township Supervisor Ron Milkey, Carl Werner, John Seefeld.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 2, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented.

Minutes to be amended under H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS – a typo to be corrected from “though” to “thought” regarding Fusilier’s comment.

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Kolon, to approve the minutes of the Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting of March 2, 2023 as amended. Ayes: all. Absent: Thompson. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

I. Report of Chairperson – No Report.

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Fusilier provided the Commission a report from February 2023’s Township Board meeting.

III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals – Chairman Walter reported they had an applicant from a resident wanting to place a garage in between two houses on a lakefront lot. As one property line was right at a house and had been grandfathered in, this request

was for relief from the property line, and the ZBA approved the request as it met the criteria to do so.

IV. Report of Planning Consultant – Alissa Starling made suggestions to the Planning Commissions in regards to developing a plan for Land Preservation within the township. Also advised that the Planning Commission should look into Cryptocurrency and how to regulate that within the Township.

V. Reports of Committees

i. SWWCOG – No report.

ii. GIHRIC (Greater Irish Hills Regional Intermunicipality Committee) – Kolon reported that the March meeting was postponed until April 12, 2023.

iii. Joint Planning Commission – Walter reported that they had met this evening and is discussing on how to cover all the bases regarding the joint master plan. Is looking at having a full review ready within the next few months.

VI. Correspondence – No correspondence.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Camping Ordinance Updates Discussion –

The Planning Commission discussed the draft regarding the Camping Zoning Ordinance Amendments and determined that they're ready to move forward to scheduling a public hearing.

Motion Daubner, Second Brooks, to schedule a public hearing regarding the Camping Zoning Ordinance Amendments on May 4, 2023 at 7pm. Ayes: all. Absent: Thompson. **Motion Carried.**

II. Cargo Container Storage Discussion –

The Planning Commission discussed the draft regarding the Cargo Container Zoning Ordinance Amendments and that they're ready to move forward to scheduling a public hearing.

Motion Brooks, Second Buniack, to add the Cargo Container Zoning Ordinance Amendments to the May 4, 2023 public hearing at 7pm. Ayes: all. Absent: Thompson. **Motion Carried.**

III. Land Preservation –

The Planning Commission discussed what the possible next steps would be to not only define what Land Preservation is within Manchester Township, but how to

encourage it and develop it. Will be moving forward with how to pursue this within the Township.

G. New Business

No new business.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS –

Daubner inquired regarding the Agritourism Ordinance and if it had been reviewed by the Township Board.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Werner commented that those from out of town have remarked on the beauty of Manchester.

Ron Milkey commented that AES is committed to being involved and invested in the community and gave some examples, including donations to Café Aspire and the Senior Citizens Center.

John Seefeld commented regarding the new RV Park and that work is continuing.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28PM

Approved May 4, 2023
Brenda Bancroft

