

APPROVED MINUTES

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Manchester Township Hall, 275 S. Macomb, Manchester, Michigan 48158
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1st, 2023 7:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Walter at 7:36 PM. Members Present: Mike Walter, George Daubner, Dave Thompson, Doug Brooks, Mike Fusilier, Ashley Buniack, Sybil Kolon. Absent: Recording Secretary Brenda Bancroft. Others Present: Manchester Township Clerk Danell Proctor, Carl Werner, John Seefeld, Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the May 4th, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission Meeting were presented.

A motion was made by Daubner, second by Fusilier, to approve the minutes of the May 4th, 2023 Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting as presented. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

E. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- I. Report of Chairperson – Chairman Walter reported that he has received a request to review the final site plan for Thorn Lake Solar. It is the Manchester Township Planning Commission's purview to review and approve this, and they will be working with Carlisle Wortman regarding this process. Chairman Walter instructed the Planning Commission to review the documents before the next Planning Commission meeting. Manchester Township Fire Chief and Washtenaw County Road Commission will also be asked to review the final site plan as well.

As the review needs to be returned within 45 days of notice, Chairman Walter asked the Planning Commission if they should move the July Planning Commission meeting back from July 13th (which had been moved out because of the Independence holiday week) to the first Thursday, which is July 6th, 2023.

Motion Daubner, Second Brooks, to reschedule the Manchester Township Planning Commission meeting to July 6, 2023.

Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

II. Report of Township Board Representative – Fusilier presented a brief report from the May 2023 Manchester Township Board meeting. Chairman Walter asked to see the Zoning Administrator report, as there's been increased activity in that area and would like to anticipate planning needs, especially with potential housing developments.

III. Report of Zoning Board of Appeals – Chairman Walter reported there are no requests for review at the moment.

IV. Report of Planning Consultant – Township Planning Consultant Alissa Starling will type up a memo with the Joint Planning Commission with the topics that were discussed and distribute it. Discussed with the Planning Commission on what is unique to Manchester and asked the Planning Commission to write down what they view as the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities that are available in the community.

Motion Buniack, second Daubner, to schedule a Public Hearing regarding two ordinance language updates for Cargo Container Storage; & Camping on June 29, 2023 at 7:30pm. Ayes: all. **Motion carried.**

V. Reports of Committees

i. SWWCOG – Next meeting will be later this June.

ii. GIHRIC (Greater Irish Hills Regional Intermunicipality Committee) – Had previously met in April 2023. Kolon provided a brief report to the Planning Commission.

iii. Joint Planning Commission – Chairman Walter reported they had met but did not have enough members for a quorum, so had an informal discussion. Worked on writing a Vision Statement and can't move that forward until they have another meeting to review it. Hope to have enough people to attend the next meeting.

VI. Correspondence – No correspondence.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. Brainstorm: What Manchester Is To Us

Chairman Walter suggested that the Township Planning Commission focus on land preservation and what they can do to promote that within the Township and how they can move forward in that direction.

The Planning Commission discussed this topic as well as what small things that residents could do that would be budget and beginner friendly. They also discussed how to create community involvement and how to communicate to the public these ideas as well, including website posts and potential mailings.

G. New Business

No new business.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS –

Buniack inquired about the financial and logistical impact on Manchester Township if Manchester Village were to obtain Cityhood.

Daubner inquired as to the final draft language for the upcoming ordinance revisions for Camping, Cargo Container Storage, & Agritourism.

Fusilier thanked Sybil Kolon regarding her research and discussion with land preservation.

Walter thanked the Planning Commission with their discussion and input this evening. Also reminded everyone regarding the date change for July's meeting and also the Public Hearing later in the month.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM