

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman, Jason Vander Kodde
2. **Invocation:** Brian Tacoma
3. **Roll Call:** *Present:* Jason Vander Kodde, Brian Tacoma, Lyn Peters, Brett Huizenga, Mark Leathead, Jeff Meyer (Board Liaison)
Absent: Shane Herrema (absent with notice)
4. **Also Attending:**
 - a. Andrew Moore – Township Planner
 - b. Kurt Gernaat – Fire Chief
 - c. Steve Kushion – Zoning Administrator
5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Brett Huizenga, supported by Lyn Peters to approve the agenda with the following changes: Add “Election of Officers” as number 13 on the agenda.
Motion Carried 6-0
6. **Commissioner Conflict of Interest** – No commissioners had a conflict of interest with any items on the agenda.
7. **Approval of minutes from the April 11, 2023, Planning Commission Meeting**

Motion by Mark Leathead, supported by Brett Huizenga to approve the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2023, Planning commission meeting with the following changes.

 - Under item 9b on the last bullet point, change the spelling of citing to siting.
 - Under item 9c change wording to “Commissioners may take a class”

Motion Carried 6-0
8. **Opportunity for public comment and communication of business ON the Agenda** – No comments were heard
9. **New Business:**
 - a. none
10. **Old Business:**
 - a. WDY Ventures LLC SLU Request
 - Motion by Brian Tacoma supported by Mark Leathead to un-table this item.
Motion Carried 6-0
 - Rick Pulaski of Nederveld & Assoc. presented the request on behalf of the applicant.
 - Commissioners asked questions of the applicant.
 - Planner Andrew Moore highlighted his report to the commissioners.
 - Commissioners deliberated on the topic and discussed concerns that they had with the request.

- Motion by Brett Huizenga supported by Jeff Meyer to table the request giving the applicant time to address some more of the commissioner's concerns.

Motion Carried 6-0

b. Church of the Open Barn Zoning Text Amendment Request

- Motion by Brett Huizenga supported by Brian Tacoma to un-table this item.

Motion Carried 6-0

- Andrew Moore gave a report on the updated verbiage of the text amendment request.
- Discussion was held on the proposed language and minor changes recommended.
- Motion by Brett Huizenga supported by Brian Tacoma to recommend that the township board approve the zoning text amendment change with the proposed changes.

Motion Carried 5-1

c. Cellco Partnership (Verizon) SLU Request – this item remained tabled

11. Updates of Ongoing Business:

- Township Board Meeting Minutes
 - Jeff Meyer updated the commission on the meeting
- Bonds – SLU
 - No additions or updates
- Master Plan Updates
 - No updates

12. Opportunity for public comment and communication of business NOT ON the Agenda.

Rich Houtteman – from consumers energy spoke in regard to migrating from coal to natural gas, solar, and battery storage.

13. Election of Officers

Motion by Brett Huizenga supported by Brian Tacoma to elect Jason VanderKodde as Chairman, Mark Leathead as vice chairman, and Lyn Peters as Secretary

Motion Carried 6-0

14. Planning Commissioner Comments:

15. Correspondence for Informational Purposes Only:

- Olive Township – Notice of Intent to Plan
- Holland Charter Township – Plan Amendments

16. Upcoming Events:

- Safety Services Meeting: May 10, 2023
- Township Board Meeting: May 15, 2023
- Planning Commission Meeting: June 5, 2023

17. **Adjournment** – Motion by Lyn Peters, supported by Jeff Meyer to adjourn at 9:02

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