

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION (PC)

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVE, FIRE STATION April 24 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Members present:

Jim Lindstrom – Chairman, Christine Beecher – Ex-officio member from the Township Board (TB), Frank Adamczyk – Pan Hamilton member, Jon Hoffman.

Roll Call: Lindstrom Here; Beecher Here; Jan Hamilton Not Present; Adamczyk Here; Hoffman here.

4 Ayes 0 Nays - Motion Carried.

Members absent: All Present Note Jan came late for roll call but was present at meeting after roll call

Motion by Jon Hoffman Supported by Christine Beecher to approve agenda of April 24, 2023 as presented.

Motion by Jon Hoffman, supported by Christine Beecher to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of Feb 27, 2023 as presented.

4 Ayes 0 Nay - Motion Carried.

Chairman asked for reports:

Mr. Adamczyk

No meeting to report on

Ms. Beecher

TWP has had 3 special meeting in reference to Clerk, Will have meeting Tuesday to resolve Clerk issue, short review on process board will go through

Mr. Hoffman

Nothing to report

Jim Lindstrom

Nothing to report

New Business

Jim

- 1) Announce new PC member Pam Hamilton to board
Jan short introduction and welcome by PC members

2nd Michigan **Township** Association Training for PC members

Locations Kalamazoo, Gaylord Exct

Dated May 18 Kalamazoo

Members Possible attend

Jon Will not be in state but will try

Frank Adamczyk interested in Kalamazoo

Christine not attending

Members to get back with Jim in possible attending

Dates and Locations

3rd Public hearing on amendment to master plan on changing in wording of amendment

Remove the works Certain Energy Systems and Add the work Solar

4th Schedule Public hearing

Recommended May 22 for date

Jim Ask for support Christina Support

No discussion

All in favor of May 22 All approved

5th Discuss Solar Plan 2 Steps

1) Add Solar to Master Plan

a. Ref; 3rd (New Business today's meeting)

2) Step 2 write ordinance

a. Present to Township board for review

Jim Review Solar plan draft history

Presented list of topics that PC board felt should be included in Plan.

Jon H Verify everyone go copy and that they had reviewed, presented hand out, explain draft is a combination of different plans together in to one, that tries to cover list of topics board and he felt should be included in plan.

Jim Confirmed all PC members received copy and had read draft.

Group discussion,

Christine would like to have someone come to educate the board on solar. How to get someone that is not biased

Jim to Research and find couple resources to address board

Group agreed to proceed to locate resources

6th Christine

Request to revisit Chicken issue with PC board Special needs child neighbor Dispute township ordinance on residents having chickens on less than 5 acers for special needs child.

Group discussion on regulations and how they read. Multiple opinions. It's agreed that this matter is an ordinance dispute and not a PC board issue.

The board can put this on the agenda for future meeting topics! No vote or time frame.

7:06 Chair Request

Open for public discussion

Elisabeth Nichol –

Wants board to look at changing the ordinance for having chickens on less than 5 acers.

Bryce Hammond;

- TWP board is aware of disturbance between 2 neighbors TWP has sent letters to people involved and is aware of situation, He believes the ordinance should be reviewed.
- Wild 100 questions tax base changed in last couple months WHY

Jobeth Carlton;

Wants chicken ordinance looked at and revised

Vercilla Hart;

Doesn't believe township PC should add Solar amendment to Master Plan, believes if added opens up to solar, with out adding to master plan the TWP doesn't have to deal with solar

Mary Hall;

Chickens believe we need to revisit this ordinance

Kyle Waller;

Non-Resident

Solar notes that Leslie TWP is having a solar expert come in to speak to TWP on May3 6;30 Leslie Township Hall.

Question Rives TWP amendment to change master plan with wording change believes that now TWP needs to wait 45 days

7:20 Public comments closed

PC Board Response to Public comments

Chair:

- Topic that word changes to amendment Attorney felt that the word change wasn't enough to warrant a restart. But Jim elected to hold a public hearing
- Regarding Poultry (Chickens) PC Frank A motion to investigate ordinance, 3members Agreed one opposed
 - Opposed member felt the wording did allow poultry under 5 acers
 - Open discussion on chickens!
- 100 acers zone change many zoning types not sure which on Bryce is referring to. Noted Letter to township asking that Board will refrain from entering in this situation Agreed by PC members.

7:27 Moton to adjourn meeting

All members agreed
Meeting adjourned

April 24 Meeting notes Jon Hoffman

James E. Lubster
8-28-24