

MEETING OF THE RIVES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

HELD AT 8682 LANSING AVENUE, FIRE STATION

January 24, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Members present: Roger DeCamp-chairman, Dwight Carmer- vice-chairman, Christine Beecher-ex-officio member from the Township Board (TB), Adam Williams-member, Jim Lindstrom-secretary.

Motion by Mr. Carmer 2cd by Mr. Williams to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Williams 2cd by Mr. Carmer to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2021 regular PC meeting as written. Motion passed.

The Chairman asked for reports. Mr. Carmer reported that no ZBA meeting had been necessary. Ms. Beecher reported that no TB meeting had been held. She had attended the Region 2 PC Meeting. Secretary reported that the Jackson County PC had approved the rezoning of 5 parcels recommended by this PC to agricultural. MP maps on pages C-13 and C- 16 will be updated. No other reports were submitted.

BUSINESS:

1. Establish meeting dates. The 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at 8682 Lansing Avenue, Fire Station was established as date with exception of December. The dates are; February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, and December 27 (Tuesday).
2. Review/ Set Goals for 2022- after discussion it was concluded that 2021 goals #1,2, and 4 had been completed. The following goals for 2022 were discussed and set: a) update the Commercial district Ordinance, b) proceed to complete a Solar Energy ordinance, c) Review MP with help from region 2, d) have a joint workshop with the TB/PC to foster communication, e) conduct annual review of CUP's status.
3. Election of PC officers- Motions were made seconded and all ayes to individually elect Chairman- Roger DeCamp, vice chairman Dwight Carmer, secretary- Jim Lindstrom.
4. Solar ordinance continued- Chairman led discussion among members. Chairman read responses from Township attorney on questions asked. He suggested that we use the MTA/ MSU guidelines and the language they use. PC discussed terms accessory and principal to describe uses, discussed use of a questionnaire for residents regarding solar energy.

Public comment was invited at 7:52 pm.

Stacy Stoner – suggested that a well worded questionnaire is a good idea.

Public comment closed at 7:53 pm.

Next Regular Meeting will be held February 28, 2022 at 6:30pm at 8682 Lansing Avenue Fire Station.

Ms. Beecher 2cd by Mr. Carmer made motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm by mutual consent.

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