

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

March 2, 2021
7:00 PM

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wanty at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present – Chairperson Todd Wanty, Vice-Chairperson Roger Gaede, Secretary Mike Trout, Mike McKay, Hollis Jeffreys, Bob Jenson, Walter Reed; (all located in Columbia Township). Absent: None. Visitors: (as noted from zoom participant list, location unknown) Rick Church, Barry Marsh, Paul Prielipp, and Terry Mahr.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Jenson, supported by Mr. Reed. VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Trout, supported by Mr. McKay to approve the minutes with corrections. VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried

Purpose of meeting: Second of Four Annual Planning Commission Meetings.

Public Comment: The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 7:08. Mr. Paul Prielipp 5994 Ridge Hwy, Britton, MI. commented about a zoning application being worked on in regard to opening a garden center on the old go-cart track property. He asked whether he would be allowed to submit an application at other than a quarterly meeting and that he might need a temporary permit to conduct their current operation. Mr. Wanty advised that we could hold a special meeting whenever their application is submitted. There were no further public comments at this time and the Chairperson closed the public comment period at 7:10 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business: Review Planning Commission By-Laws, updated in 2018. Chairperson Wanty suggested everyone look over the by-laws to see if there are any changes necessary. Mike McKay raised the issue of the general ordinances and their potential impact on planning commission decisions. After some discussion it was agreed that there might be particular elements of the general

ordinances that could be incorporated into the zoning ordinance at a future update, and that members should get a copy of the general ordinances.

Public Comment - The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 7:22. Terry Mahr commented that the Planning Commission was previously working on the Master Plan Update and thought it should be continued as an item of old business. She further commented that the Planning Commission work with the Township Board to find funding for the update. There were no further public comments at this time and the Chairperson closed the public comment period at 7:24 p.m.

Commissioner Comments: Mr. Gaede suggested we look at the Recreation Plan and its status. Mr. Wanty indicated the township had copies available if members were interested in obtaining one.

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Jenson, supported by Mr. McKay to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. VOTE: Ayes all. Motion Carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MIKE TROUT, SECRETARY