

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

December 6, 2022
7:00 PM

Meeting held in person at Township Office

Minutes

Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Wanty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Mr. Trout called the roll: Present: Chairperson Todd Wanty, Vice-Chair Bob Jenson, Secretary Mike Trout, , Hollis Jeffreys, Walter Reed, Krissie Barnes; Absent: Mike McKay; Recognized Guests: Jessica Curtis, Terry Mahr.

Approval of Agenda: *Motion by Mr. Jenson, supported by Mr. Reed to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes all. Motion Carried*

Approval of September 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes: *Motion by Mr. Reed, supported by Chair Wanty to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes all. Motion Carried*

Purpose of meeting: Chair Wanty presented the purpose of the meeting.
a. Fourth of four required annual meetings.

Public Comment: Chair Wanty opened the public comment period at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Mahr asked about the survey outreach and suggested more exposure including the high school, village residents (who may not know they are also in the township) and other organizations that could be contacted for participation. There were no further comments, and the Chair closed the public comment period at 7:08 p.m.

Old Business:

- a. Community Survey – Chair Wanty explained that Mr. Church is working with Region II to secure their comments, and that participation has been extremely light. The Township has reached out to the school and is waiting for a response. Mr. Jeffreys noted that limited internet access is an issue for some residents who might want to take the survey online. Mr. Wanty indicated he had posted the survey on nextdoor as well.

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers for 2023 - *Mr. Wanty made the motion supported by Mr. Jenson to recommend **Mr. Wanty as Chairperson, Mr. Jenson as Vice-Chairperson, and Mr. Trout as Secretary** for the 2023 Calendar Year. Ayes all. Motion carried*

b. Set dates for 2023 Four Annual Meetings – Mr. Wanty made the motion supported by Mr. Trout to set the following date for meeting in 2023. February 7; April 11; August 8; November 28. Ayes all. Motion carried

Public Comment: Chair Wanty opened the public comment period at 7:15 p.m. There were no comments, and the Chair closed the public comment period at 7:16 p.m.

Commissioner Comments: Mr. Trout and Mr. Jenson having attended the public hearing on potential marijuana facilities in the township noted that those in attendance were mainly supportive. A brief discussion regarding the need to further understand more details of where (what zoning districts) these could potentially be located, what type of licenses and how many might be approved were all questions that still need to be addressed. There was a short discussion relating to the proposed new gravel pit in Cambridge township and the impact this could have on the area.

Adjournment: *Mr. Wanty made the motion supported by Mr. Reed to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Ayes all. Motion carried*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Mike Trout, Secretary