

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

September 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Columbia Township Hall

Public Hearing

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, Krissie Barnes; Mike McKay; Absent: Walter Reed; Recognized Guests: Rick Church, Mark Eidelson, Eric White.

Approval of Agenda: *Motion by Mr. McKay, supported by Chair Wanty to approve the agenda. Ayes all. Motion Carried.*

Approval of Minutes from Tuesday August 8, 2023: *Motion by Mr. Jenson, supported by Mr. McKay, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes all. Motion Carried*

Purpose of meeting: Chair Wanty presented the purpose of the meeting.

- a. Public Hearing in Conjunction with Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance 2.11, A, B, C

Public Comment: Chair Wanty opened the public comment period at 7:03 p.m. There were no comments, and the Chair closed the public comment period at 7:04 p.m.

Old Business:

Community Survey – No update.

Master Plan Update – No update.

New Business:

- a. Public Hearing in Conjunction with Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance 2.11, A, B, C – Chair Wanty opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and read the various amendments (#1-#8) as presented in the letter from Mr. Eidelson dated July 26, 2023, and the Section 7.28 provisions. He then asked those in attendance for comments on the proposed changes. There were no comments from the public and Chair Wanty closed the public hearing at 7:20.

Mr. McKay made the motion supported by Mr. Jensen to recommend approval to the Township Board of the proposed ordinance amendments as noted above with the change to clarify distance requirements. Ayes all. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Chair Wanty opened the public comment period at 7:21 p.m. There were no further comments, and the Chair closed the public comment period at 7:22 p.m.

Commissioner Comments: Chair Wanty noted the next meeting will be a public hearing on September 20, 2023 for the purpose of reviewing a site plan for a storage facility and consideration of the proposed general ordinance amendments. Mr. Trout commented about the survey results noting that while there are residents opposed they are generally supportive of the township having control of regulating these activities in lieu of a potential referendum. It was noted there will be a public hearing by the Township Board on the police powers ordinance. There were no further commissioner comments.

Adjournment: *Mr. Jenson made the motion supported by Mr. McKay to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ayes all. Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Mike Trout, Secretary