

# COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Columbia Township Hall  
8500 Jefferson Rd. Brooklyn MI 49230

Thursday, November 16, 2023

7:00 PM

## 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, Mike McKay, Hollis Jeffreys; Absent: Krissie Barnes; Recognized Guests: Rick Church

Note: There is a vacant seat.

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

**Approval of Minutes from Tuesday September 20, 2023:** *Motion by Mr. McKay, supported by Mr. Jeffreys, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes all. Motion Carried*

**Purpose of meeting:** Chair Wanty presented the purpose of the meeting.  
a. Public hearing for Re-Zoning of 5364 York Dr. Clarklake, MI. – Parcel # ADP-000-19-16-152-007-02

**Public Comment:** Chair Wanty opened the public comment period at 7:04 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 for Re-Zoning of 5364 York Dr. Clarklake, MI. Mr. Wanty opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Ann Vinson explained the purpose of the request was to create a single lot for their daughter to build a home. The existing lot has an out building that would need to be incorporated into the proposed new parcel in order to meet the frontage requirement for AG. This request is to create a lot 117' x 381' at the northerly portion of the property and leaves the out building as

part of the original home site. Mr. Church noted the letter dated September 20, 2023 from LandPlan concluding that the petition is reasonably consistent with the Master Plan, zoning and the surrounding area and recommend approval. Commissioners briefly discussed the proposal. The Chair closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

***Mr. Trout made the motion, supported by Mr. McKay to recommend approval of the re-zoning request for 5364 York Dr. Clarklake, MI. from AG to RS1– Parcel # ADP-000-19-16-152-007-02, in accordance with the correspondence from LandPlan dated September 20, 2023. Ayes all. Motion Carried.***

*Mr. Church explained to the applicant the review and approval process as noted in Part One Section D of the LandPlan letter.*

**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:** Chair Wanty noted the upcoming Public Hearing for zoning amendments and the final required meeting of the year will be held on December 5, 2023. In addition to the public hearing the election of officers for 2024 will be on the agenda. Mr. Jensen noted the state legislation recently passed that will take away local control for certain wind and solar energy projects. Commissioners expressed concern regarding those bills and the potential for similar action related to aggregate extraction. Mr. Jefferys noted some negative impacts from the dam removal.

**Adjournment:** *Chair Wanty made the motion supported by Mr. Jenson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Ayes all. Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Mike Trout, Secretary