

WORTH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

6903 S. LAKESHORE RD., WORTH TOWNSHIP, MI 48450

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Byron Wilson, Stan Lessard, Tom Gilbert, John Cuppen, Boni Lillibridge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Lessard, supported by Cuppen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lessard, supported by Cuppen to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Lillibridge introduced correspondence from Jennifer Marshall, Worth Township Clerk; to the Planning Commission with concerns from Chairman Wilson regarding interaction between the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

- **MASTER PLAN:** Chairman Wilson led the discussion by citing from "The Township Guide to Planning & Zoning;" Chapter 10, Page 103; regarding The Master Plan's content. Chairman Wilson stated that as per MCL 125.3833, the Future Land Use/Master Plan MUST include the general location, character and extent of streets, railroads, airports, bicycle paths, pedestrian ways, bridges, waterways, and waterfront developments; **sanitary sewers and water supply systems**; facilities for flood prevention, drainage, pollution prevention and maintenance of water levels; and public utilities and structures. The Planning Commission discussed this information and agreed that since the Worth Township Master Plan has not been updated since 2014, the CAD files should be given to Adam Young at Wade Trim. Chairman Wilson gave the flash drive of the CAD files (that were given to the Planning

Commission by Jennifer Marshall) to Mr. Gilbert and asked him to assure that the flash drive was sent to Adam Young. Mr. Gilbert said that he would. Mr. Gilbert asked the question as to why Wade Trim had not included the water supply system in the Master Plan from 2014 since the water system had been around since 1998. Chairman Wilson said that he had talked with Steve from Worth Twp. DPW, and Steve said that he has the drawings of the water system but not the "As Built" drawings. Chairman Wilson asked why that approximately 20 years after the water project was completed, we don't have the "as built" and whose job was that. Mr. Gilbert said it was the Board at the time and that he will find where the "as built" drawings are located.

Chairman Wilson requested a five-minute recess at 6:45.

Meeting resumed at 6:50.

Chairman Wilson asked who on the Township Board is in charge of maintaining the files and drawings. The Clerk had stated that the previous Supervisor had been working with the drawings and Chairman Wilson asked if the current Supervisor is the one in charge.

Chairman Wilson proposed that the Planning Commission should make a draft of the Future Land Use/Master Plan and send it to the Township Board. The Planning Commission agreed that the Future Land Use/Master Plan should contain an area for PUD (Planned Unit Development), a business district on the West side of M-25 from St. Clair Rd. to Sheridan Rd. and a bicycle/walking path on the East side of M-25 to Sheridan Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Renewable Energy- Wind Energy**

Chairman Wilson and Ms. Lillibridge went to Paris Township to speak with Ron Smalley, Supervisor of Paris Township concerning their ordinance for Wind Energy. There were four members of the Paris Township Planning Commission and Township Board at the meeting. Paris Township gave the Worth Twp Planning Commission a copy of the Paris Township ordinance. Mr. Smalley said that he would have Dan Guza, Secretary of Planning Commission, send the PDF file to Ms.

Lillibridge. Copies of the Paris Township Wind Energy Ordinance were given to the Worth Township Planning Commission to review for discussion at the December Meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mr. Cuppen asked about the status of an ordinance for Shipping Containers. Chairman Wilson said that he would like to have folders made for the Planning Commission for Wind Energy, Solar Energy and Shipping containers so these agenda items can be discussed at the December meeting and possibly have a public hearing in January 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gilbert, supported by Lessard to adjourn meeting at 8:20.

Boni Lillibridge

Secretary

Worth Township Planning Commission