

WORTH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2023

6903 S. LAKESHORE RD., LEXINGTON, MI 48450

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Members Present: John Cuppen, Stan Lessard, Byron Wilson, Boni Lillibridge, Barbara Millsap

Also Present: 1 person in the audience

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lessard, supported by Cuppen to approve the minutes as written for February 1, 2023. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items only): None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Solar Ordinance

Chairman Wilson led a discussion concerning developing a Solar Energy Ordinance for Worth Township. Chairman Wilson presented ordinances from Grant Township, Lamotte Township and Exeter Township(draft). All of the townships have provisions in their ordinances for small, medium, and large solar systems. Fremont Township is currently working on a Solar Energy ordinance and is in their 7th draft. Copies of the ordinances were given the members for consideration and discussion at the April meeting. (Meeting was recessed for 15 minutes to make copies.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Planning Commission Bylaws

Mr. Lessard asked about Section 2, A, 3, concerning Membership. This section states that members of the Planning Commission shall be qualified electors of Worth Township, except that one(1) member may be an individual who is not a qualified elector of Worth Township but is a qualified elector of another local unit of government. Ms. Lillibridge stated that this is from the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act 125.3815, Sec. 15(4c).

Motion by Lessard, supported by Cuppen to accept the Planning Commission Bylaws for 2023.

Motion carried.

- Master Plan

Chairman Wilson shared that he had a Zoom meeting with Adam Young on Mar. 1 concerning updating the Master Plan. Adam Young will put a proposal together for the Master Plan. Adam Young also said that he could do a workshop for the Planning Commission to assist us in the planning. He also stated that the Planning Commission could state in their minutes that they had reviewed the Master Plan and submit it to the Board and we could continue to work on the Future Land Use of the Master Plan. Adam Young said that he would send a list of survey questions and suggested that the survey be put online to save on mailing costs. Discussion for a workshop training with Adam Young for March 16 or 23, 1-3 p.m.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

PROPOSALS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA: Solar Energy

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lessard, supported by Cuppen to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

Worth Township Planning Commission

Boni Lillibridge, Secretary