

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting-Final

12/5/2023 - 6:30PM
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Rd.
Linwood, MI 48634

1. Meeting called to order by: Gregory Jacobs @ 6:30
2. Pledge Recited
3. Roll Call:

Name	Present	Absent
Gregory Jacobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christine Haas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Anne Gies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Niemiec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kent Rugenstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gradowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Attendance: 0
5. **Approve Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve by: Paul Niemiec
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
6. Motion to **approve meeting minutes** from 9/5/2023
 - a. Motion to approve by: Anne Gies
 - b. Motion supported by: Kent Rugenstein
7. Report from Zoning Board (Tom Gradowski)
 - a. No permits
 - b. Greg mentioned a new pole building on 11-Mile Road between Anderson and Linwood, Tom said no permit to his knowledge, Tom is going to look into if a permit was pulled.
8. Motion to **open public comment**
 - a. Motion to open by: Paul Niemiec
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
9. Public comments:
 - a. No public comment.
10. Presentations:
 - a. Greg mentioned that Consumers Energy could come in and present in regard to solar. Meeting would be held April 2, in joint with Planning Commission.
11. Motion to **close public comment**
 - a. Motion to close by: Paul Niemiec
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
12. Motion to **open new business**
 - a. Motion to open by: Kent Rugenstein
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
13. New business:
 - a. Vote for Chairperson
 - i. Anne and Greg

1. Paul voted for Anne.
2. Anne for herself
3. Greg voted for himself
4. Kent voted for Greg
5. Tied need Christine revote in April.
- ii. Kent keep secretary, 3 votes to stay.
- b. Noise Ordinance
 - i. County has noise ordinance.
 - ii. Assignment – review/find county ordinance.
- c. Clerk-have ordinance in one central location, make public knowledge.
- d. Solar/Wind bringing Consumers in for presentation.
- e. 2024 meeting dates – April 2, June 4, Sept 3, Dec 3.
14. Motion to **close new business**
 - a. Motion to close by: Paul Niemiec
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
15. Motion to **open unfinished business**
 - a. Motion to open by: Gregory Jacobs
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
16. Unfinished business:
 - a. Grappin Sand Pit -detail for issuance
 - i. No response on pursuing sand pit.
 1. Tom spoke with Al, Grappins’ are going to cancel the project. Tom also spoke with them about correcting pond on the property line and “sand pit” with standing water.
 2. Greg pursues Grappins to correct pond that is to close to adjoining property line (within 25 feet of the property line)
 3. Grappins had made no attempt to to fix issue nor pull a pond permit to fix the pond. Grappins need to provide permit and proper documentation.
 - b. Lighting Ordinance
 - i. Lighting ordinance to protect rural nature of the township.
 - ii. Going to Lawyer for review, going to Township meeting to inform/update of the ordinance.
 - c. Special use Permit – Sand Pit
 - i. Review and making edits.
 - d. Training
 - i. Greg and Kent unable to get F102B – Land Use.
 1. Greg going to call MTA
 2. Adopting Ordinance
 - e. Right to Farm
 - i. Hobby vs Commercial
 1. Hobby follow Garfield Township Ordinance
 - f. Masterplan
 - i. Anne has outline, Greg and Anne to discuss outline.
 - ii. Assignment: Review Masterplan and have comments on reasons if Masterplan needs to be updated.
 1. Data/tables
 2. Next meeting go through page by page of Section 6 & 7.

17. Motion to **close unfinished business**
 - a. Motion to close by: Gregory Jacobs
 - b. Motion supported by: Anne Gies
18. Next meeting: 4/2/2024 @ 6:30PM
19. Motion to **adjourn meeting**:
 - a. Motion to adjourn by: Kent Rugenstein
 - b. Motion supported by: Paul Niemiec
20. Meeting adjourned at: 8:30