

Kearney Township Planning Commission
Minutes
February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Members - S. Alger, L. Elrod, D. Jacques, T. Murray, C. Rix

Pledge of Allegiance

Conflict of Interest – None reported

Jacques moved to approve of agenda as modified. Second by Rix, Carried

Rix moved to approve of minutes of the January meeting. Second by Alger and Murray, Carried

Correspondence: Tim Reported that he had been contacted by a company about leasing 40 acres for a Solar Farm.

Public Comment: None

Reports

- Township Official: Alger reported that the Township Board was considering hiring an outside firm to review our ordinances.
- Zoning Administrator: Dan reported that two building permits had been issued.
- ZBA: Jacques reported that no Zoning Appeals had been filed.

Old Business

- Master Plan: Elrod reviewed proposed changes to the Master Plan, will bring a clean version to next month's meeting.
- Mapping Updates/ Changes: Jacques recommended that the Future Use Maps be revised as follows:
 - All parcels fronting on M88 south of the current commercial district be reserved for commercial use.
 - That parcels in Section 28 and Section 33 along Batchelder Road between the Chief, Hawk's Eye and Shanty Creek Resort Residential areas be reserved for future R2 development, potentially for affordable
 - employee housing development.
- Renewable Energy Zoning – Elrod reviewed changes to be sent back to attorney
- Special use Permit for Camping on Private Property Elrod reviewed the proposed "Camping Unit Ordinance" to be sent to attorney

New Business

- Annual Report: Elrod presented the draft "Annual Report". Rix moved the "Annual Report" be approved. Second Alger, Carried
- Table of Land uses by zoning district: Elrod presented a sample "Table of Land Use by Zoning District" as a basis for future discussion ON ADDING SUCH A TABLE TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

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- Bylaws Update: Elrod reviewed proposed Planning Commission Bylaws updates and distributed “Democratic Rules of Order” as a replacement for “Robert’s Rules of Order” in section 4.8. Rix moved to approve the proposed changes with the “Democratic Rules of Order” included in 4.8. Seconded by Alger, Carried.

Public Comment – Elliott reported on issues of affordable R2 housing being purchased for use as RB&B type short term rentals defeating the purpose of employee housing.

Commission Comments: Elrod distributed information on a training opportunity

Adjournment @ 8:44 PM EST.

Motions:

1. To approve of agenda as modified.
2. To approve of minutes of the January meeting.
3. To approve the PC 2022 Annual Report
4. To approve the changes to the PC Bylaws

Respectfully Submitted,



R E Jacques
Secretary