

Kearney Township Planning Commission  
Minutes  
August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

Call to Order at 7:00 PM EDT

Members present: S. Alger, L. Elrod, D. Jacques, T. Murray, C Rix

Pledge of Allegiance

Conflict of Interest – None reported

Elrod asked to add “Amend Kearney Township Zoning Ordinance Section 6.07” as item A under new business and renumber other items.

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

Jacques moved to approve of minutes of the July meeting as amended. Second by Alger Carried

Correspondence:

Dick received an email from Michelle reporting that Eric Sturdy attended the Township Board meeting on Monday night and raised concerns regarding short term rentals on Valley View/Golf View Roads at Shanty Creek. Attached are the documents he shared at the meeting. I believe Mr. Sturdy plans to attend the Planning Commission meeting on the 21st so I thought I would forward these documents to you prior to the meeting. I am also getting copies of the Blue Lake Township Noise and Short-Term Rental Ordinances recently published in the Antrim Review and mentioned by Mr. Sturdy. Once I have the copies I will put in your trays. Michelle

Public Comment:

Eric Sturdy reported that several properties in the Valley View/Golf View Road area were being used for short-term rental. Some were being advertised with capacities above legal occupancy limits and that some tenants were causing noise and nuisance issues for neighbors.

Michelle Valuet reported similar issues in her area.

Reports

- Township Official: Tim updated on camper issue
- Zoning Administrator:

Dan reported: Several new zoning permits had been issued, that he had followed up in nuisance reports and that our camper was gone.

- ZBA: Jacques reported that no Zoning Appeals had been filed.

Old Business

- a. Future Land Use Map: Status w Networks North – Jacques reported that they have hired a new staff member with GIS skills and that our map is on the top of their to-do list.

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- b. Solar Ordinance – Draft ordinance looks good. Denise raised question of setbacks for “large accessory” systems. Denise will update draft and return for our September Meeting for possible October Public Hearing.

Discussed battery storage. Will hold temporarily while standards evolve. Currently ordinance does not permit large scale power storage installations.

- c. Camping Ordinance Draft looks OK. Denise will adapt to ordinance with recommendations form legal. Possible October Public Hearing

New Business

- a. Amend Kearney Township Zoning Ordinance Section 6.07
  - a. Jacques moved to hold a Public Hearing on Section 6:07 amendment at the regular Planning Commission meeting on September 18, 2023.
- b. Reviewed proposed Ordinance Article 5
- c. Reviewed proposed Ordinance Article 6
- d. Reviewed proposed Ordinance Article 8
- e. Reviewed proposed Ordinance Article 9
- f. Reviewed proposed Ordinance Article 10

- Public Comment – none
- Commission Comments: none

Jacques moved to Adjourn @ 9:18 PM EST. Second Rix, carried

Motions:

1. To approve of agenda as distributed.
2. To approve of minutes of the July meeting.
3. To hold a Public Hearing on Section 6:07 amendment at the regular Planning Commission meeting on September 18, 2023
4. To Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



R E Jacques  
Secretary