

Kearney Township Planning Commission
Minutes
December 18, 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.

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

Rix moved to approve of minutes of the November meeting as corrected. Second by Murray, Carried

Correspondence:

- Eric Sturdy letter –
Jacques moved to request the Township send a cease-and-desist letter to all known short-term rentals operating in Residential (R1, R2 and R3) districts.
Second Rix, carried.
- Bryan Graham –
General consensus to request Bryan provide guidance to develop a solar/wind energy ordinance in compliance with Michigan Public Act 233 of 2023.

Public Comment:

Elliott Elrod reported that MSU has a recorded presentation on Short-Term Rentals that commission members may want to view.

Reports

- Township Official: Steve reported that the Nuisance Ordinance was approved by the Township Board.
- Zoning Administrator: Dan reported on permits issued since last meeting.
- ZBA: Annual Meeting should be January 8. No appeals have been filed.

Old Business

- Master Plan: with Township Board – Will be reviewed by the Board in January.

New Business

- a. 2024 Calendar
Rix moved to approve the 2024 Planning Commission regular meeting schedule as discussed. Second Jacques, Carried.
- b. Commercial Event Facility
Reviewed the formatted ordinance draft. Steve will seek Fire Department input on Ingress/Egress standards. Public hearing will be scheduled for January meeting if this

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issue is resolved, final legal review is complete and public posting requirements can be met.

- c. Zoom for non - PC members
Not at this time primarily for technical and cost issues.

Public Comment:

Elliott asked about the proposed date for a Public Hearing on the proposed "Party Barn" on Brookwood". Site plan hearing cannot be held until after Commercial Event Facility ordinance is adopted.

Commission Comments:

Elrod reported on "High Speed Internet Middle Mile" presentation attended by several Township representatives.

Rix moved to Adjourn @ 7:56 PM EDT. Second Alger, Carried

Motions:

1. To approve of agenda as modified.
2. To approve of minutes of the November meeting.
3. To request the Township send a cease-and-desist letter to all known short-term rentals operating in Residential (R1, R2 and R3) Districts.
4. To approve the 2024 Planning Commission regular meeting schedule
5. To Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

R E Jacques
Secretary