



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Egnatuk.

Attendance was done by roll call vote.

Present: Commissioners Hoffman, Johnson, Lyng, Riggs, Sly and Egnatuk.

Excused: Boshears

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson and several citizens.

Commissioner Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of officers Commissioner Egnatuk expressed an interest in continuing as the Chairperson, and there were no other nominations. A voice vote for the Chairperson is all in favor. Commissioner Lyng expressed an interest in continuing as the Vice Chairperson, and there were no other nominations. A voice vote for Vice Chairperson Hoffman, Lyng, Riggs, Sly, and Egnatuk was in favor, and Johnson was opposed. The Commission deliberated on the position of Secretary, and Commissioner Egnatuk nominated Commissioner Hoffman, and it was seconded. A voice vote for the Secretary is all in favor.

Commissioner Egnatuk – Chairperson

Commissioner Lyng – Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Hoffman - Secretary

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Hoffman to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote

Aye: Commissioners Lyng, Johnson, Riggs, Sly, Hoffman, and Egnatuk. Opposed none.

Excused: Boshears

Public Comments

One email was submitted to the Planning Commission (PC). It will be placed on file.

Citizen comments: Comments about proposed bylaw changes were made, taking public input and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) input. Bylaws and the confusing documents on the website. Conflict of interest. NDAs. Complaint about the Township Board, openness, and transparency of the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance (MAEDA). Transparency for NDAs' concern for the Land use Map, Final Draft of bylaws.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Hoffman to approve the December 5, 2023, minutes with minor typographical changes.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Commissioners Lyng, Johnson, Hoffman, Sly, Riggs and Egnatuk. Opposed none.



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Marshall Township PC Bylaws Proposed and Approval. Commissioner Johnson moved to not approve the presented by-laws, which Sly seconded. There was discussion about changes in the present document, which revolved around the wording of Training and Non-Disclosure Agreements. The PC said they would submit changes so the attorney would review them.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Commissioners Boshears, Lyng, Hoffman, Johnson, Egnatuk and Sly. Opposed none.

Excused: Boshears

There was a discussion of the work the Township is undertaking for a wellhead protection program. There will need to be a Zoning Ordinance change and chemical storage information. There was a discussion on how that information would be gathered from existing properties. There will also be a way for the township to collect data on open and closed wells. There was a discussion of funding for capping wells. This work is part of the Master Plan.

2023 PC received a copy of the review of the work done.

Appointing Commissioner Johnson to the Joint Planning Commission. The alternate was postponed.

Public Comments: Comment about freedom of speech, conflict of interest, wellhead protection, microphone usage, staff comments, and understanding of a quorum.

Zoning Administrator – NONE

There was a discussion on Mr. Brown's submission to the PC for the meeting on January 24, 2024.

Commissioner Comments- Johnson welcomed Commissioners Sly and Riggs and mentioned Public Act (PA) 116 and alternative energy. She commented that staff is important for the PC. Commissioner Egnatuk welcomed Commissioners Sly and Riggs.

It was moved by Commissioner Lyng and second by Commissioner Riggs for adjournment at 9:06 PM. Voice Vote Aye: Hoffman, Johnson, Lyng, Sly, Riggs, and Egnatuk Opposed none.

Excused: Boshears

Respectfully Submitted by Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson for Secretary Hoffman.

Postponed Meeting January 24, 2024.



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Next Meeting Regular Planning Commission Meeting, February 6, 2024.