



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 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 Lyng, Johnson, Boshears, Egnatuk, Gresly and Hoffman

Excused: Lindsey

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson and several citizens.

The Commission held a moment of silence for Paul Kiessling for his dedication and service to the Marshall Township Planning Commission.

Commissioner Egnatuk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Voice Vote

Aye: Commissioners Lyng, Boshears, Johnson, Lindsey Hoffman, Egnatuk, and Gresly. Opposed none.

Excused: Lindsey

#### Public Comments

Three emails were submitted to the Planning Commission concerning the bylaw change for public comments against the 5 minutes to 3 minutes. They will be placed on file.

Citizen comments: Comments were made by two citizens who commented on the proposed bylaw changes for public comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes and opposed it. Seven comments were made opposing changes to zoning to Highway Service Commercial on C Drive N and were opposed. Comments were made about NextEra, the water issue, why the public hearing was not held, and transparency. Comments were made about conflict of interest and conduct. Comments were made about the concerns about the minutes. There was a comment about the Blue Oval project.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded Boshears to approve the October 5, 2023, minutes.

The Planning Commission discussed and amended changes for the final minutes.

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

Excused: Lindsey

Marshall Township PC Bylaws Proposed and Approval. Commission Johnson moved not to approve the presented bylaws, which Boshers seconded. There was discussion about the proposed changes in public



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comments, reducing the time to 3 minutes. There was also discussion about some of the language concerns, such as the issue of semantics of wording. There is also a concern about conflict of interest. The consensus of the Commission was to continue to modify the bylaws. The Commission said they would submit changes so the attorney would review them.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Commissioners Boshears, Lyng, Hoffman, Johnson, Egnatuk, Gresly. Opposed none. Excused: Lindsey

2024 Meeting Dates – Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Hoffman to approve 2024 Meeting Dates. Discussion and Approval: There was a discussion of the need to change. Two dates were changed.

Voice Vote: Aye: Commissioners Boshears, Lyng, Hoffman, Johnson, Egnatuk, Gresly. Opposed none. Excused: Lindsey

Master Plan Discussion. There was a discussion of working on the work plan and addressing a section at a time, putting it on the agenda, starting with chapter two.

Public Comments: Comment about the master plan and record keeping. Concern about public comments time, Master Plan concerns—comments about public servants and the rights to debate. Comments about a mailer were sent out connected to Blue Oval, and they opposed Blue Oval. There were also comments about G Drive. The Zoning Administrator explained that the applicant pulled the application, and that was done after the October Planning Commission Meeting. Nothing is pending now, but the applicant has the right to re-apply.

Zoning Administrator – NONE

Commissioner Comments- Johnson asked why the Revocation Suspension did not go to the Planning Commission. It was explained that the water problem was corrected by NextEra and approved by the Township Engineer. That would make the need for a revocation hearing mute. It was also a recommendation by the Township Attorney to allow NextEra to resume work. The suspension was effective in correcting the water issue. She also talked about the Governor signing the bills for alternative energy and taking away local control and the effects on the Township. She asked if the Township Board would try to schedule a public meeting with Ford about the Blue Oval project. Commissioner Johnson asked if there was any activity at the possible Recycling Center on 15 Mile Road, but there was no activity. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Egnatuk informed the Commission that Gresly was retiring at the end of the meeting. The Commission thanked Commissioner Gresly for her community service and her years of service.



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It was moved by Commissioner Lyng and second by Commissioner Hoffman for adjournment at 9:09 PM.  
Voice Vote Aye: Boshears, Lindsey, Johnson, Egnatuk, Hoffman, Gresly, and Lyng Opposed none.  
Excused: Lindsey

Respectfully Submitted by Zoning Administrator Paul Anderson for Secretary Lindsey.

Next Meeting, January 2, 2024

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