

McNamara called the Raisin Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Members Present: Laura VanSickle, Mike Bartolo, Marcus McNamara, Mark Spohr

Members Absent: Dale Witt, Excused

Others Present: Lee Andre

Roll Call:

Witt – excused with notice

Spohr – here

Bartolo – here

McNamara – here

VanSickle – here

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Bartolo, McNamara support.

Andre mentioned that the agenda wasn't posted on the website. McNamara will contact Witt regarding this.

Motion carried unanimously

MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes with corrections under new business “will have to conduct another review” by McNamara, Spohr support.

Motion carried unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT - (Please state your name, address and limit comments to (3) minutes)

Andre, attended public hearing last night at Board meeting. The Southeast corner of Sutton Road and Raisin Center Highway which was the Township dump. Landfill not operated by standards. Across the street is a walking trail and the river. Review and wondering how many people walked on the trail?

Solar ordinances special use permit given, what uses can be permitted on a special use permit. There is a concern with the wires that go across at the end of the road, row to row, and the vegetation control mowing having to do more work because you can't drive through.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Township Board – Witt absent.
2. Board Of Appeals – No meeting held
3. Other – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

McNamara, Witt provided information regarding battery component usage. We can do updates, but with technology it changes quickly. Solar, gravel mining and taking local control away and none of this moved at the State level due to not having a quorum. McNamara we revisit these topics for next month.

Palmyra Township amendments battery component presented and prepared by Region II. We set the goals and let the experts put together the language.

1. Review of Requirements for Document(s) Submitted to Planning Commission (PC)
2. Ordinances Revisions.
 - Solar
 - Accessory buildings – set-backs, size of lots, buffers

McNamara, discuss next meeting it gets potentially completed. Garden shed or small garage define and adjust the ordinance regarding pole barn set-back. Another topic having a structure in front of the house. Adjust the ordinance to lot size and building lay out.

- Sign regulations and lumination – size and lighting

McNamara, come with information for the February meeting having information being prepared for Region II to assist with ordinances revisions.

NEW BUSINESS - None

SECOND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andre, commented on other Township meetings, Blissfield Township PC worked very hard on their ordinances. Side lots for set-backs, pole barn on corner of Bilmeyer and Pocklington. Pole Barn location makes it difficult to see. What set-back is practical for one, isn't for others. Difference of interpretation of existing text, and then others believe it's too restrictive for larger lots. Get clarity on what the criteria is. We don't want to put the entire Township into a legal non-conforming Township.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Next meeting February 11, 2025

Lucky Strike Mining Project – Bartolo will be abstaining himself from this discussion due to his involvement. He will also be absent at this meeting due to prior commitment.

Sutton Place #2 Site Plan

Bartolo, coming up with information on set-backs will be challenging.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:21pm by Spohr, Bartolo support.

Motion carried unanimously