

**Barton Township, Newaygo County
July 18, 2024**

Planning Meeting

Date: July 18, 2024

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:13 p.m. by John Zimmerman, Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers Present: John Zimmerman, Keith Cook, Abe Syzmanski, and Ron DuKavas

Absent: John Wright, Arlan Jackson and Richard Talcott

Zoning Officer: Kyle Luce, present

Public: Pam Rosendall and Joni Luce

Robert Toland Consulting, Robert Toland

Minutes: Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

Old Business:

Resolution review by attorney, Eric Williams, was miscommunicated and he reviewed not only the Resolution but the entire Master Plan and Zoning ordinance. After this review he provided a new Resolution and a check list of changes/actions that he recommended. Kyle Luce read through the checklist, with each item discussed by the Board; it was determined that the majority of the items have been done already, including all the legal requirements for the proposed Zoning Ordinance and the recently adopted Master Plan. The major issue Williams had was notification to public utilities and Newaygo County; there are no public utilities on record requesting to receive communication from Barton Township. Newaygo County abolished their Planning/Zoning Commission and waived county review of township zoning in 2011 through Resolution #06-008-11; notification was sent from Barton Township to West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission, of which Newaygo County is a member.

Planning Commission will forward the Resolution of May 30, 2024 recommending adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance to the Barton Township Board for their consideration at the 08/13/2024 meeting.

New Business:

Due to the new Wind and Solar legislation that is to take effect in November 2024, the Planning Commission will begin to develop language for the Zoning Ordinance to meet State requirements next month.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Keith Cook, seconded by Ron DuKavas, motion carried. Time: 7:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2024 at **6:00 pm**

Joni Luce, Substitute Secretary