

**ADRIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL**

MINUTES – January 23, 2024

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Call to Order by:

Doug McGee 7:00

Pledge to the flag

Prior to roll call due to the secretary Phil McVay not accepting a new term a new secretary needs to be appointed.

Hribar asked Dawn McGee if she would be interested in accepting the position, to which she replied she is interested. Motion was made by Hribar, seconded by Becker, to nominate Dawn McGee. Vote was unanimous to appoint Dawn as the new planning commission secretary. Dawn abstained from voting.

Any suggestions for new appointments to the board to fill the empty seat should be referred to Jim Koehn for the township board to review.

Roll Call: Present – Buku, Hribar, Doug McGee, Dawn McGee, Ruesink and Becker
Absent – none

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Hribar Support: Buku

The minutes from November 28th were unanimously approved.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was not formally approved, but we conducted our meeting with it accordingly.

Old Business:

1. The planning commission discussed the new state solar ordinances. Doug and Dawn both attended a webinar held by the MTA on how the state ordinances will affect the township. Two paper copies of the slide show were passed around. Dawn to send out a digital copy to all planning commission members. It was noted that the township ordinance cannot be more restrictive than the state.

2. The previous meeting it was noted that the meeting time and members of the Planning Commission needed to be updated on the Adrian Township Website. It was confirmed that the time and members have been corrected. We will need a new update to remove Phil.

New Business:

1. Doug encouraged the members of the Planning Commission to review the Township Insights newsletters that Dawn sends out as there is frequently training opportunities. He encourages all Planning Commission members to look for training opportunities. Approved training opportunities can be paid for by the township.

2. Jim Koehn attended and brought to the Planning Commission attention that there is the potential for a few things that may come to be on the agenda.

A) Current Sign Ordinance – We do have a business that will be applying for a special use permit that needs to be posted before it can be added to the agenda. Please make sure we review the current sign ordinance, existing businesses that are non-conforming, and any action we may want to take toward the non-conforming signs that do not have a special use permit.

B) Duplexes – Ordinance currently does not allow for multi-family in residential area. Please review the current ordinance before the next meeting. We have someone looking to build a duplex in a residential area and this will be publicly posted with notifications sent to potential neighbors before being added to the next month agenda.

C) Lot next to the MDot building. New owners are looking to apply for a special use permit for a park and sell. Item must be posted publicly, and notices sent to neighbors, prior to being added to the agenda. Please research what is and is not listed in our ordinances that pertain to this.

D) Mobile home park behind Morning Fresh on N. Main has been turned into a duplex. The site has been visited. It was noted that the state has had a trailer park commission since 1987. It was not expected that this will end up on next months agenda at this time.

Public Comment:

It was commented by a resident that approximately 85% of the legislature supports the control over solar ordinances being returned to the townships. Depending on the size, will depend on if applications will be at the township or state level. It is possible that things could be changing back.

Adjournment:

Motion: Buke Support: Becker

The motion carried with unanimous support for adjournment at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn McGee, Secretary