

Mansfield Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes – 5/11/2023

Meeting opened at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Russ Bauwens, Ryan Warmboe, Jacob Trulock, and John Gilner.

Other Attendees: John Leutz, Pam Minerick.

John Gilner motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 2/28/23 and Jacob Trulock seconded; the motion passed.

Ryan Warmboe motioned to approve the 5/11/23 meeting agenda and Jacob Trulock seconded; the motion passed.

The public hearing for the Junk and Blighted Structures Ordinance opened at 6:02pm. Nobody came to voice an opinion. There were no emails or written correspondence. The public hearing closed at 6:15pm.

The Commission agreed that a definition of the complaint that initiates the violation process should be added into the ordinance. It was also agreed that failure to comply with the ordinance should result in a municipal civil infraction as opposed to a misdemeanor. Ryan is going to make these changes to the ordinance.

Russ motioned to approve the Junk and Blighted Structure Ordinance for submission to the Township Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam Minerick said there were no recent site inspections for the zoning administrator report.

The Board has decided not to pursue noise or light ordinances for the township at this time.

Russ would like the planning commission to start looking at the goals identified in the Master Plan. This will help guide us through upcoming decisions regarding potential wind and solar projects, among other things.

John Leutz would like to start storing all of the meeting minutes on the cloud for the township. Russ said that he will send everything he has to John.

A date was not set for the next planning commission meeting, but it is expected to occur in July or August.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm after being motioned by John Gilner and seconded by Russ Bauwens.