

Mansfield Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes – 7/23/2024

Meeting opened at 4:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation by Mike Carey.

Attendees: Russ Bauwens, Mike Carey, John Gilner, Jeff Tushoski, Ryan Warmboe, Pam Minerick

John Gilner motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 5/07/24 and Jeff Tushoski seconded; the motion passed.

John Gilner motioned to approve the 5/07/24 meeting agenda and Jeff Tushoski seconded; the motion passed.

Pam Minerick gave the Zoning Report.

Russ Bauwens gave stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to grant the variance to Jerry Maness for construction of a garage.

Jeff Tushoski discussed the idea to have Biannual Cleanup days for the township. He's going to look into the potential costs and Mike Carey/Russ Bauwens will raise the questions at the next Board Meeting. The Planning Commission supports this proposal.

Russ Bauwens requested to the Commission that everyone should start reviewing Chapters 3 and 4 of the Master Plan for doing future changes.

Russ Bauwens was given changes to the Planning Commission Bylaws draft by Mike Carey, Jeff Tushoski, and John Gilner. Russ will make the changes and then Email them out to everyone for final approval. If the majority approve of the changes, he will present them to the Township Board at the August Meeting.

The Solar Ordinance/Windmills was discussed. Recommended by John Gilner that we use Felch's Plan for these issues as a guideline for ours. Discussed in rezoning the old gravel pit and Pane/Dolan property to be a "Commercial Zoning District" and only allowing commercial solar/wind power generation in that district. Matter was tabled for a later date.

Discussion was held concerning Short Term Rental Ordinance. Issues discussed were permitting fees and processes, enforcement of abuses, what steps are needed. Matter was tabled and to be kept as an open discussion. Both the Solar/Windmills and Short-Term Rentals would need to be added to the Master Plan and Zoning.

Discussion was held concerning the WE energies shoreline property around the waterways in Mansfield. Concern of the Planning Commission is to keep the area as natural as possible. Matter was tabled and to be kept as an open discussion.

Pam is going to email all the zoning ordinances she has so far to everyone.

Mike Carey suggested that a Dropbox Folder be set up for the Planning Commission so we can put all Planning documents on the Cloud. Russ will bring request to the Board.

The date for the for the next Planning Commission meeting will be on September 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM