

Montrose Township

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Chairman Harry Powell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Present: Harry Powell, Tom Tithof, Dave Badgley, Joe Boettger

Absent: Dave Wilson

Staff Present: Bill McIlmurray - Building Official

Meeting Minutes –Motion to approve minutes from 10/7 and 11/2/23 by D. Badgley supported by J. Boettger, motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion to approve meeting agenda by T. Tithof supported by D. Badgley, motion passed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: - None

New Business- None

Old Business- Postponement of discussion on Planning Commission by-laws draft language. Recommendation to Township Board to approve with amendments to section 2.8 Voting and 2.1 Regular meetings. The recommended draft states,

2.8 VOTING

An Affirmative vote of the majority of members of the Planning Commission is required to approve any part of the master plan or amendments to the plan, to amend these by-laws or any township ordinance unless otherwise required by statute. Other actions or motions placed before the planning commission may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting, as long as a quorum is present. Voting shall be by voice vote: a roll call vote shall be required if requested by any commission member or directed by the chairperson. Except in the case of conflict of interest, all Planning Commission members, including the Chairperson shall vote on all matters. Any members abstaining from a vote due to a conflict of interest shall not participate in any discussion of that agenda item.

They also want to change Article 2 – Planning Commission Meetings and omit a line that says “on the first Thursday of each Month” and have it changed to the following,

2.1 Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of the Plannings Commission shall be held in the Montrose Township Hall monthly and can be cancelled by the Planning Commission Chairperson if there are no agenda items. Other meetings may be held as necessary. When a regular meeting falls on a legal holiday or upon a day resulting in a conflict, the Planning Commission shall meet on the next schedule day of business if possible, or select a suitable alternate meeting date in the same month as the originally scheduled meeting.

Notice of regular Planning Commission meetings shall be posted at the Township office within 10 days after the Planning Commission's first meeting in each calendar year in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. All Monthly meeting notices shall be posted at the Township office showing the date and time of the meeting and in accordance with the open Meetings Act.

Motion Recommendation to Township Board to approve with amendments to section 2.8 Voting and 2.1 Regular meetings, made by T. Tithof supported by J. Boettger. Roll call – H. Powell (yes), T. Tithof (yes), D. Badgley (yes), J. Boettger (yes). Motion passed.

Other Business.

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by D. Badgley to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m., supported by J. Boettger. All members present were in favor.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 7 2024, at 6 pm.

Respectfully,

P. Coomer