### PERRY TOWNSHIP

## PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

# **JANUARY 18, 2024**

Call meeting to Order with the Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Mark Fraser, Larry Place, Beth Andrus, Duane Wood

Excused: Walt Saxton, Joe Ocenasek

Recording Secy: Mark Fulks

Agenda: Approved with additions made by Mark Fraser; seconded by Larry Place. All Ayes.

Minutes of November 16, 2023: Mark Fraser made motion to approve; seconded by Larry Place. All Ayes.

Township Report: Mark Fraser noted that the Road Commissioner and staff were present to discuss possible road projects and costs for FY 24/25.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Perry Township Zoning Ordinance the Commission continued to review the Proposed Perry Township Zoning ordinance so the language is reflective of the Township Planning Commission and the local Township.
- 2. MTA web info on Renewal Energy was discussed. Beth Andrus discussed the overview of Legislation on PA 233 of 2023 which was signed on 11/28/23 and takes effect on 11/29/24 which contains the vast majority of new rules; and PA 234 which was signed on 11/28/23 and takes effect on 2/13/24.
- 3. Ballot Initiative to Protest and restore Local Control of Utility Scale Solar and Wind Projects in Michigan. Beth Andrus outlined the Citizens For Local Choice Initiative to restore Local Control and gather signatures to put on the November ballot for the citizens to vote on.
- 4. Duane Wood noted that the County zoning gave 4 violations for junk and debris and 4 new building permits were issued.
- 5. The Beardslee Road mining lawsuit update was discussed to bring the members up to date on the progress.

## New Business:

- 1. Mark Fulks noted that the Shiawassee County Board gave final approval to zoning ordinance changes aimed at further regulating renewable energy developments in the County and our Township. They met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 and was approved 5 to 1.
- 2. The Commission noted that there are four names that are being presented to the Perry Township Board for the replacement position on the Planning Commission. It should be brought up at the next Township Meeting on February 7, 2024.

Public Comments: none

Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2024 at 7 PM

Adjournment: Mark Frazer made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM; seconded by Larry Place. All Ayes.

Minutes recorded by:

Mark Fulks, Supervisor

Perry Township