

PERRY TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Call meeting to Order with the Pledge to the Flag – called to Order by Chairman Duane Wood at 7:02 PM

Roll Call: Mark Fraser, Larry Place, Beth Andrus, Duane Wood, Walt Saxton, Lena Zamora

Excused: Joe Ocenasek

Recording Secy: Mark Fulks

Agenda: Approved with addition made by Mark Fraser; seconded by Beth Andrus. All Ayes.

Minutes of January 18, 2024 were reviewed: Mark Fraser made motion to approve; seconded by Walt Saxton. All Ayes.

Township Report: Mark Fraser noted that the Township Budget Workshop occurred on Tuesday, 2/13/24 at 7 PM and discussed several items. One regarding the cost associated with going to trainings and meetings with added costs for room/board. He noted that the Board recommended the online meetings and training would be acceptable. The Planning Commission agreed. He also discussed possible additional pay/meeting for the Commission. Also, he discussed the ambulance service situations and associated higher costs.

Chairperson Report: Duane Wood noted a couple junk and debris violations from the January Zoning report. Also two building permits were issued. Duane noted that the Agenda items should be turned on the Tuesday a week before the Thursday meeting date.

Unfinished Business:

1. Citizens for Local Choice Petition Update: Beth presented an update on the Petition Drive to take Local control of zoning regulations back from the State of Michigan. She noted they need to collect 550,000 valid signatures within 180 days but in order to place on this year's November ballot, the signatures need to be collected by May 29. They also need to raise about \$10 million to cover the costs of the petition drive and advertising for the election.
2. Review of Perry Township Zoning Ordinance.
  - A. Small Commercial Energy Ordinance – discussed the Renewable Energy District, large scale commercial renewable energy and the small scale commercial renewable energy law from the State of Michigan

- B. Areas not covered by Proposed Ordinance - Beth Andrus continued to discuss various updating of the zoning ordinance and changes.
- C. Continuation of Review – discussed the noted possible highlight changes needed for the local zoning ordinance.

New Business:

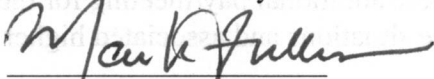
1. By-Laws review: the members reviewed the by-laws for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recommended changes to Section 2.3 to make it clearer that the Officers can serve for up to six one-year terms and to Section 4 adding a 4.3 that the Chair should sign the approved minutes so that the record is complete for future reference.
2. Pay Raise for Planning Commission members: Mark Fraser noted that the proposed increase for attendance will go to \$75.00 / meeting. Perry Township meeting is on March 6, 2024 at 7 PM.
3. FY 2023-24 Planning Commission year end report was discussed and will need to be completed by March 6, 2024.

Public Comments: N/A

Next Meeting Date: March 21, 2024 at 7 PM

Adjournment: Mark Frazer made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM; seconded by Lena Zamora. All Ayes.

Minutes recorded by:



Mark Fulks, Supervisor  
Perry Township

Approved by:

Duane Wood, Chairman  
Planning Commission