

Minutes

Green Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, At 6:00 P.M.

Green Charter Township Hall, 21431 Northland Drive, Paris, MI 49336

CALL TO ORDER:

- The Regular Meeting of the Green Township Planning Commission was Called to Order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Green Charter Township Hall
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Roll Call: Tom Streeter, DeeAnn Ruitter, Cindi Postema, Steve Olen, Ross Meads, Larry Finkbeiner, and Kelly Cushway were present. Also in attendance is Brent Mason, Zoning Administrator and recording secretary.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

- There were no additions to the agenda.
- No one reported any conflicts of interest with the items on the agenda.

ACTION ITEM 1:

- Approval of the September 17, 2024, minutes. Mr. Cushway made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024, Planning Commission regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finkbeiner. There was no further discussion. Motion passed on voice vote with 7 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Renewable Energy Ordinance Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Meads invited Mr. Mason to inform the Commission about P.A. 233 of 2023 and the Renewable Energy Ordinance (REO). Mr. Mason gave background information to the members and shared the resources he and Mr. Olen have reviewed for this project. Brandi Sweet was in attendance and requested to share information with the Commission. Mr. Meads agreed to accept her input. There was much discussion and sharing of information. An incomplete REO was presented for consideration. The Township Attorney has also prepared ordinance information that has not been forwarded to the Commission. The Commission determined that they want to send a REO to the Board of Trustees to consider for adoption. Mr. Finkbeiner made a motion to complete the REO and bring it back to the Commission for recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Postema. There was no further discussion. It was approved unanimously with 7 ayes by voice vote.

It was determined that a special meeting would be needed to make the recommendation of the final REO. A motion to have a special meeting to review and recommend the completed REO was made by Mr. Finkbeiner and Seconded by Mrs. Postema. Discussion was had and it was determined to have the meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with 7 ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The master plan project will be starting in January 2025. Mr. Mason will be sending out all the required notifications in the next weeks.
2. Capital Improvement Planning will be taking place later in the next year. Sewer and road improvements as well as township owned buildings will fall under this planning process.
3. Mr. Mason mentioned that he was still interested in pursuing a Citizen Planner Program to be held locally if there is enough interest between the area planning Commissions.

ACTION ITEM 2:

- Resignation of Chairperson: Mr. Meads resigned as Chairperson and will be functioning as the Ex-officio member of the Planning Commission effective at the end of this meeting.
- Nomination for Chairperson: Mr. Cushway nominated Mr. Olen to be the Chairperson of the Commission. Mr. Streeter seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Mr. Olen accepted the nomination. Roll Call vote as follows: Mr. Streeter - yes, Mr. Olen – yes, Mr. Cushway – yes, Mr. Meads – yes. Mrs. Postema – yes, Mr. Finkbeiner – yes, Mrs. Ruiter – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No members of the public indicated that they wished to comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no other business to attend to, Mr. Meads asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Olen made the motion and Mr. Meads adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL:

Action taken at the regular meeting of February 18, 2025: Motion to approve the Planning Commission minutes of November 19, 2024, by: Mr. Olen. Supported by: Mr. Streeter. Motion carried unanimously with six ayes.

Brent Mason, Recording Secretary
Green Charter Township Planning Commission

February 18, 2025
Date Approved