

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Vevay Township Hall–6:30 p.m.
517-676-9523
MINUTES
In-Person Meeting**

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Minster at 6:33PM.

PRESENT: Minster, Ross, Anderson, Winters, Cady, McNeilly

ABSENT: None (One vacancy remains on commission)

OTHERS PRESENT: John Lazet, Supervisor, Chris Lewis, Treasurer

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Set/Amend Agenda

MOTION Cady, SECONDED by Anderson to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 9-8-21

MOTION Cady, SECONDED by Ross to approve minutes as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

V. *Brief Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

VI. Reports/Public Notice

A. September 2021 Building Report

Report reviewed informationally.

B. September 2021 Zoning/Enforcement Report

Supervisor Lazet serving as interim Zoning Administrator provided an update regarding ongoing enforcement issues. The Commission inquired about progress in hiring a permanent Zoning Administrator. Supervisor Lazet responded that a potential candidate had declined and that additional potential candidates were being pursued.

C. Board of Trustees Regular/Public Hearing Minutes 8-11-21 (distribution only)

Report reviewed informationally.

D. Public Input Meeting 10-12-21 (informational)

Trustee McNeilly provided highlights regarding the Board of Trustees grant application with the Ingham County Parks Department in an effort to update the township's parks and recreation plan. She encouraged planning commission members to attend the special information meeting.

E. City of Mason 20-Year Master Plan

Report reviewed informationally.

VII. Pending Business

A. Update on Ives Road Gravel Mining Operation SLU (no enclosures)

Property Owner Bob Lyon and mining operator John Warvel presented a site map for planning commissioners to review. Mr. Warvel indicated that some areas surrounding the gravel mine would be nearly impossible to reclaim to a 3:1 slope as required by ordinance, due to tree growth along the road surrounding the gravel mine. He inquired if any consideration could be given by the planning commission with regard to reclamation. Mr. Lyon further explained that reclamation as required by the ordinance would require the removal of several trees, which were home to the wildlife, most notably osprey and eagles, which nest there. His interest in reclamation is strictly as a nature preserve. He is seeking certification by the National Wildlife Federation. Chair Minster advised Mr. Lyon and Mr. Warvel that because the planning commission did not have any application before them requesting a change in the current reclamation plan on file with the township, no decision could be rendered at this meeting. He asked that they work with Supervisor Lazet to prepare the appropriate documents for planning commission review at a future meeting.

B. Master Plan Update/Course of Action (no enclosure)

The master plan subcommittee comprised of Anderson, Cady and Minster, advised that the only updates to the Master Plan will be the inclusion of 2020 census data and the possible updating of resource maps. The subcommittee will meet to provide an outline to the township office regarding what revisions are to be made. Supervisor Lazet added that he would like to have all revisions completed by year end.

C. Accessory Main Buildings Proposed Amendment

The commission continued its review of the draft ordinance amendment. Corner lots and through lots within the township pose a unique situation which limits a property owner's ability to build an accessory building under current ordinance guidelines. Supervisor Lazet provided several examples of current accessory structure inquiries by residents, which are problematic. The commission reviewed the examples at length and discussed possible resolutions. Commissioners agreed that additional research with regard to set backs in these situations was necessary.

D. Home Occupations Proposed Amendment (bring previously distributed materials)

In an effort to continue work on the accessory buildings ordinance amendment, the home occupations proposal was tabled to a future meeting.

E. Zoning Ordinance Possible Amendments (bring previously distributed materials)

Tabled for future meeting.

VIII. Any Other Business

No other business offered.

IX. Additional Public Comment*

No public comment offered.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Patricia McNeilly-Secretary