

Minutes

Bridgeton Township Planning Commission

March 13, 2023

Call to order at 7:00 PM by Joe Howes

Pledge of Allegiance

Role Call: DeAnn McClintock, Bob Dore, Joe Howes, Kathleen Clough- Present Denny Hawkey- Absent Peggy Hinton (Alternate absent)

Approve/accept minutes: K. Clough made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2-13-23 Planning Commission Meeting; B. Dore 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support

Approval of agenda: J. Howes asked that a discussion of development of a community survey for review of the Master Plan be added to New Business. D. McClintock made a motion to approve the agenda for the 2-13-23 Planning Commission Meeting with the addition of a survey discussion in New Business -K. Clough 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support.

Public comment on agenda items: No public comment

Communications: None

Reports

- a. Bridgeton Township Board update: B. Dore reported that the Newaygo County Road Commission has added cameras at 9 intersections to monitor road conditions. The camera will reduce the manpower needed to monitor road conditions and will support decision making for sending out snow plows. The county Road Commission has asked for input on road repairs needed in Bridgeton township. B. Dore reported he completed a drive around with another Township Board member. The more important road need in the township was paving of road in the area of Fitzgerald South of 116th St. The Township Board is getting estimates from the Road Commission as well as using money

from the township road fund. B. Dore reported that at the Township Board Budget meeting clean up at the cemetery was approved (branches and old trees will be addressed) and a new printer was approved for the township hall. Bridgeton Township Hall rental was tabled. Kevin Beerman presented his proposal for a sawmill at the Seven Mile Truck and Trailer site next to Gary's Mini Mart.

Old Business

- A. Brooks Auto Facility Forbearance progress: Mr. Kolk reported that he submitted the details of the agreement to Cliff-(Township attorney). We are waiting to hear back from him.
- B. No work session for review of the Master Plan was held prior to the Planning Commission Meeting.

New Business:

- A. Discussion of creation of a survey to address review of the Master Plan. The Planning Commission discussed the importance of getting community input on how the land in Bridgeton Township is to be used. There are questions among Planning Commission members about the need for a Mixed Use Corridor in the township. Janis Barnhard reported that she had spoken to Ryan Coffey (Land Use Educator for Newaygo County) who reported that there would not be an intern available for survey creation, but he could help provide information for survey development. Mr. Coffey can also help gather geographical information and census data to update the Master Plan. Janis is going to be meeting with Mr. Coffey the next day. The PC members discussed the need for Public Meetings to be advertised and held for the public to give their input on the Master Plan. K. Clough shared the idea of creating an electronic survey with links for the public to share their input. K. Clough volunteered to create the electronic form. There

was discussion of getting a paper survey to the public who are not tech savvy. The survey could be sent with the summer tax statements. The survey from the last time the Master Plan was updated was reviewed. There was discussion about how to get as much public input as possible.

Public comments: Bryan Kolk reported that the Road Commission cameras do not record at this time.

Adjourn: K. Clough made a motion to adjourn the meeting- B. Dore 2nd-Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted DeAnn McClintock Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Secretary.