

2023 Minutes

Bridgeton Township Planning Commission

May 8, 2023

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM by Joe Howes
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Role Call: DeAnn McClintock, Bob Dore, Joe Howes, Kathleen Clough, Denny Hawkey-All present-Alternate Peggy H-Hinton
4. Approve/accept minutes: K. Clough made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4-10-23 Planning Commission Meeting; D. Hawkey 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support
5. Approval of agenda: J. Howes asked for discussion of the Maple River Restoration Project and information about 3 upcoming Zoning workshops be added to the agenda in New Business. D. Hawkey made a motion to approve the agenda for the 5-8-23 Planning Commission Meeting with the addition of the above items to New Business K. Clough 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support.
6. Public comment on agenda items: No public comment
7. Communications: None received
8. Reports
 - a. Bridgeton Township Board update: B. Dore reported
 - Township approved \$525 to add wood chips at the boat launch
 - Approved removal of a tree near the pole barn at the Bridgeton boat launch
 - Approved the purchase of flags for the cemetery for Memorial Day
 - Bridgeton Township hall will be opened by Janice Barnhard for snacks for the community following the wreath drop on Memorial Day Monday, May 29, 2023.

- Approved making the bathrooms at the boat launch handicapped accessible. Portable handicapped accessible bathrooms will be made available while the project is completed.
 - Approved an erosion control plan at the boat launch
 - Clerk hours at Township Hall are expanded to Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 PM.
 - Pay tubes at the boat launch are being replaced. Deputy Treasurer Bob Dore will be in charge of pick up from pay tubes.
 - Township has received bids for paving/ditching of Green Ave to Brucker and 112th to 108th.
 - Verizon tower is still not in use
 - Township is still waiting to hear from the lawyer on the Mansfield property project.
- b. Work Session Activity: No work session was held prior to tonight's meeting

9. New Business:

1. Review Garfield document regarding "Mixed Use Corridor"- see attached Sample language. The Planning Commission has received requests in the recent past regarding requests for commercial/industrial zoning/ Special Land Use requests. Recognizing that support of business growth within the framework of the Master plan is essential the planning commission is considering the need to create a "Mixed Use Corridor" to provide a zoned space for business/light industrial. Joe Howes led a discussion on making sure that the planning commission obtained input from the community regarding their thoughts on this option. Prior to the next planning commission meeting on June 12, 2023, at 6:30 the members of the planning commission will meet to discuss how a Mixed Use Corridor fits into the Master plan and setting up Public Hearings to gather community input.

2. Discussion of Maple River Restoration Project- J. Howes reported that the Muskegon Watershed Assembly had received a 1.9 million dollar federal grant for culverts for the Maple

River Restoration Project. As the project moves forward the planning commission should be aware of future zoning requests as the property becomes waterfront.

3. Workshops-The following workshop opportunities were reviewed:

- A Junk Workshop will be held at the Bridgeton Township Hall on 5/20/23 at 10 AM
- On 5/10/23 at 6:30 pm a public workshop will be held at the Bridgeton Township Hall to review changes to the cemetery stewardship or ordinances.
- The Michigan Townships Association is hosting workshops on Breaking the Zoning Code. Discussion about possible attendance revealed that there was not enough time to get Township Board approval to cover fees prior to the scheduled dates.

10. Old Business

- c. Brooks Property Forbearance Review: Bryan Kolk reported that he is waiting to hear back for the lawyer
- d. Master Plan Process-The Master Plan has been accepted as reviewed -with no changes-the Planning Commission approved acceptance of new census data as it becomes available.

11. Public comments on non-agenda items: None

12. Other: none

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

Meeting adjourned 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted DeAnn McClintock Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Secretary.