

Minutes
Bridgeton Township Planning Commission
August 14, 2023

1. Call to order at 7:02 PM by Joe Howes
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Role Call: Present: D. McClintock, K. Clough, D. Hawkey, J. Howes, B. Dore
4. Minutes: K. Clough made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7-10-23 Planning Commission Meeting; D. Hawky 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support
5. Consent Agenda: D. Hawkey made a motion to approve the agenda for 8/14/23 B. Dore 2nd the motion-Motion carried with unanimous support.
6. Public comment on agenda items: Brian Kolk reported that on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, Newaygo County Emergency Services in conjunction with state and federal agencies would be conducting a drill of the emergency alert system for the Muskegon River.
7. Communications: Secretary McClintock reported that she and all Bridgeton Township Board Members and Planning Commission Members received an email from a community member with questions concerning the work being done at the Bridgeton boat launch. J. Howes stated that he recognized the matter of concern and appreciated the observation but clarified that issues pertaining to the work at the boat launch is not a matter for planning commission members. B. Dore reported that the issue is being addressed by the Bridgeton Township Board.
8. Reports
 - a. Bridgeton Township Board update: No report as B. Dore did not attend the July meeting.
 - b. Work Session Activity: Joe reported that the work session held by the Planning Commission at 6:30 PM on 8/14/23 was a discussion of the pros-cons of a Mixed Use Corridor in Bridgeton Township. There are no plans at this time to change zoning to include a Mixed Use Corridor. The Planning Commission has not been asked by the Township Board to address this issue of zoning. There was discussion about addressing zoning around Air BnB's. Planning Commission members wanted to have the opportunity for discussion, ask questions, raise concerns, and consider related issues should this need to be addressed in the future. In the last year the Planning Commission has had Special Land Use zoning requests put before them and wanted a discussion of possible alternatives.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Brooks Auto Facility forbearance process: Brian Kolk there has been no response from the township lawyer at this time.

- b. Discussion of adding a Mixed Use Corridor in the Master Plan. (see summary of worksession above)

10. New Business Point of order regarding the repair/upgrade at the Bridgeton Boat Launch- Joe reminded planning commission members that questions/concerns are to be directed to the Township Board as this is not related to planning/zoning. Bob Dore reported as a matter of informing the Planning Commission that Dale Twing, Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, has been out to access the erosion concern. The area at the launch will need to be re-done. The contractor who did the work is aware and will be re-doing the work with larger rock. The work will be done at no further cost to the township.

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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted DeAnn McClintock Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Secretary.