

Minutes
Bridgeton Township Planning Commission
September 11, 2023

1. Call to order at 7:00 PM by Joe Howes
2. Pledge of Allegiance-In recognition of Patriot's Day J. Howes called for a Moment of Silence
3. Role Call: Present: D. McClintock, K. Clough, D. Hawkey, J. Howes, B. Dore
4. Minutes: K. Clough made a motion to approve the amended minutes for the 8/14/23 planning commission meeting to include the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. B. Dore 2nd-Motion carried with unanimous support
5. Consent Agenda: D. McClintock made a motion to include approval of the consent agenda to to the agenda for the 9/11/23 meeting-B. Dore second-motion carried with unanimous support. D. Hawkey made a motion to approve the agenda for the 9/11/23 PC meeting. B. Dore 2nd- Motion carried with unanimous support.
6. Communications: Secretary McClintock reported that no communications had been received.
7. Reports
 - a. Bridgeton Township Board update: B. Dore reported that: 1) Elisha Szczepaniak resigned as Township Clerk. Ann-Marie Priddy was appointed Township Clerk for the remainder of the term and Linda P was appointed Deputy Clerk 2) The work on the pavilion as the Bridgeton boat launch has been completed. 3) The township board will be meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2023 to discuss plans for the remaining ARPA money 4) Early voting in 2024 will need to be planned for 9 days 5) Bridgeton Township Clean Up Day will be September 23, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help from 8 AM to 2 PM 6) A survey of the Township Cemetery is to be completed.
 - b. Work Session Activity: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Brooks Auto Facility forbearance process: Brian Kolk reported that language from the township attorney had been sent to Supervisor Barnhard to then be reviewed by the Bridgeton Township Board.
 - b. Discussion of the benefits of adding a Mixed-Use Corridor as a zoned area within Bridgeton township. Bryan Kolk explained that the planning commission would be able to create the parameters for any such zoning changes.
 - c. Short Term Rental regulation-Currently short term rentals are not allowed in Bridgeton township. The planning commission had discussion regarding the definition of short-term rentals (such as Air BnB and Vrbo)

The members of the planning commission asked Bryan Kolk to bring sample language for the PC to review.

9. New Business For informational purposes J. Howes wanted to make the PC members aware that an information meeting regarding the Croton Hardy Dams will be held at Newaygo High School on September 18, 2023.

<https://www.bigrapidsnews.com/news/article/consumers-energy-investigates-potential-sale-dams-18288072.php>

10.. Public comments on non-agenda items: Supervisor Janice Barnhard announced that any use of township property needs approval of the township board.

12. Other: none

13. Adjourn: K. Clough made a motion to adjourn the meeting- B. Dore 2nd-Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted DeAnn McClintock Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Secretary.