

Bridgeton Township Planning Commission Minutes
June 10, 2024

Called to order at 7:00 PM by Joe Howes with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: McClintock, Dore, Howes, Hawkey
Absent: Clough, Hinton

Approval of Agenda: D. Hawley made a motion to accept the agenda for the June 10, 2024 meeting. B. Dore 2nd. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: B. Dore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 PC meeting. D. Hawley 2nd. Motion carried

Public Comment on agenda items (Please limit comments to 3 minutes): None

Secretary report/communications: D. McClintock submitted email communications between Supervisor Barnhard, Planning Commission Supervisor Howes, Cliff Bloom Attorney, and Ryan Coffey regarding Zoning Ordinance Section 3.02 Clearing of Land (see attached document). Submitted by Bryan Kolk (Zoning Administrator) for Planning Commission review Special Land Use/Site Plan Review from SMARTCOMM LLC for the property at 10470 S. Warner Ave Fremont, MI 49412.(see attached document)

Reports:

Township Board: B. Dore had left his notes at home so reported a couple of items: The remains of a Newaygo County Korean War Soldier were recently identified and will be laid to rest in the Bridgeton Township Cemetery. Mr. Dore thanked the community members who are working hard to work out all the details and supporting the family members. The Township Board is discussing putting in a permanent wall in the township hall to separate the office spaces from the larger space.

Zoning report: See attached

Old Business:

Brooks forbearance progress-No new information

Disposition Zoning Ordinance Section 3.02 Land Clearing: Commission members discussed the guidance provided in the email communication that encompassed the broad nature of the language definitions, lack of enforcement language, and difficulty of revising the section for a rural area. D. McClintock made the following motion: The Planning Commission recommends to the Bridgeton Township Board that the language of Section 3.02 Land Clearing be stricken from the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinances based on the legal advice from Cliff Bloom (Attorney) and Ryan Coffey Hoag (MSU Extension Educator). B. Dore 2nd. Motion Carried.

New Business: None

Public Comment on Non-agenda items: Community member Doug H. expressed concern about a property on 112th that appears to have exchanged owners and number of times, but recently to appears to him that a septic field may have been added to the property without proper permits. Doug was advised to submit a complaint form for Mr. Kolk to address the situation to make sure proper procedures were being followed. Doug also asked about gun fire that was coming from the property that was being directed toward another property owners land. Doug was advised that the police should be called immediately in this situation. Community member Jim S wanted to know about enforcement of camping permits. He also has concerns about structures that are being built on property along the river that are identified as sheds, but have decks build around them. This situation has been a concern in the past and Supervisor Barnhard said she would have Mr. Kolk look in to the situation with the property owner.

Other: Commission member D. Hawkey wanted to compliment the Cemetery Grounds Keeper on their work. Mr. Hawkey was appreciative on how well the cemetery looked this spring.

Adjourn: D. Hawkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Dore 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Respectfully submitted D. McClintock, Bridgeton Planning Commission Secretary