

MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – APRIL 24, 2024

Chairman, Nick Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. All present recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Barnes, John Joossens, Ben Schilling, Veronnica Kenreich, Jon Tidey and Mike Glynn.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Feirick

OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Honn, Mark Davis, Wendy Colburn, and members of the public

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR APRIL 24, 2024

John Joossens motioned to approve the agenda for April 24, 2024.

Ben Schilling seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2024

Ben Schilling motioned to approve the minutes from March 27, 2024.

Veronnica Kenreich seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Cass County sent a notice regarding their planning process for the master plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Updates given by Mark Davis.

ZBA REPORT

Updates given by Ben Schilling.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting continued with the discussion of the master plan. Nick Barnes asks for members' feedback. Veronnica Kenreich updated the members on the results of her outreach. She has been in touch with Roseann Marchetti commissioner for Cass County and mentioned that they might offer an opportunity to collaborate with them, but the conversation is ongoing and no new information has been provided yet. Stating that Cass County is working with McKenna. Mike Glynn noted that McKenna could be a viable option since they have already updated a large percentage of their maps. The members considered adding McKenna to their list of RFPs (Requests for Proposals). Discussion on this and other matters ensued.

Motion made to approve the proposal to send requests for quotes as written by Veronnica Kenreich, correcting one typo, adjusting schedule dates, and adding McKenna to the request for quotes.

Ben Schilling motioned to approve.

Veronnica Kenreich seconded.

All members present approved, and no members denied.

Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

John Joossens notes that the state of Michigan is working on House Bill No. 5438(HB5438) regarding short-term rentals and refers to the last update done on February 14, 2024. *HB5438 looks to provide for the registry, promotion, and regulation of certain short-term rentals and hosting platforms; to create certain databases; to provide for the imposition and collection of a statewide excise tax; to provide for the disbursement of the excise tax; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local governmental officers and entities; and to prescribe penalties and remedies. Local units of government maintain authority to regulate short-term rentals. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.* Nick Barnes notes that HB5438 seems to be addressing all the issues that the township was looking into as well. Member discussion ensued. Nick Barnes states short-term rentals will be added to the agenda going forward.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mark Davis asked board members questions about how the current ordinance affects a particular non-conforming lot, seeking clarification. Members discussed this and the process for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

NEXT MEETING:

May 22, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

John Joossens motioned to adjourn.

Veronica Kenrich seconded.

All members present approved, and no members denied.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Wendy Colburn

Secretary, Veronnica Kenreich