

MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – OCTOBER 25, 2023

Chairman, Nick Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. All present recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Tidey

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Fitzgerald, Special Guest Marcy Hamilton Deputy Executive Director/Senior Planner with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, and members of the public

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ben Schilling motioned to approve the agenda.
Tim Feirick seconded the motion.
Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM September 27, 2023

John Joossens motioned to approve the minutes.
Mike Glynn seconded the motion.
Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Nevins has requested additional information to be on the agenda, he feels they are too vague.

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No updates.

ZBA REPORT

No updates.

NEW BUSINESS

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan - Discussion with special guest, Marcy Hamilton, the Deputy Executive Director/Senior Planner from Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC). During the presentation, Ms. Hamilton provided examples of how she and the SWMPC have successfully implemented projects for various clients in the Southwest Michigan area. During the meeting, Ms. Hamilton shared her extensive knowledge and experience in writing both master and recreation plans, as well as facilitating planning processes, developing grants, and implementing projects in the fields of watershed planning, economic development, and recreation. She also provided an explanation of the costs and steps involved in the process and patiently answered all the questions posed by the members. Additionally, she emphasized that the zoning ordinance should align with the master plan and not the other way around.

Short-Term Rentals update- Good Neighbor Piece Update no other updates.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

November 22, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

John Joossens motioned to adjourn.

Tim Fierek seconded.

All members present approved, and no members denied.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Wendy Fitzgerald

Secretary, Veronnica Kenreich