

MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Chairman Terry Harris called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Terry Harris, Vice Chairman Tim Feirick, Secretary Debbie Brown, John Joossens, Nick Barnes, and Trustee Mick Braman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Tidey

OTHERS PRESENT: Trustee Mike Glynn and Recording Secretary Wendy Fitzgerald

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Terry Harris motioned to approve the agenda.

Debbie Brown seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2021, MINUTES

Debbie Brown motioned to approve the minutes.

Mick Braman seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from one of the members regarding the 2021 Michigan House Bill 4722, which passed the House on October 27, 2021, was read by Debbie Brown.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Nick Barnes said there have been variances granted for some properties that had to do with unusual situations. Mentioned that the Planning Commission may want to take a closer look at them.

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Election of 2022 Commission Officers:

Chair- Nick Barnes

Vice-Chair- John Joossens

Secretary- Debbie Brown

Election nominations passed by voice vote

Tim Feirick Motioned to close the nominations

John Joossens seconded

Motion passed by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Terry Harris discussed updates regarding House Bill 4722 and Senate Bill 446 about Short-term rentals, although it has passed the House it is not signed into law. Mick notes it will be before the Senate late November to early December.

COMMISSION MEMBER DISCUSSION

Members discuss possible township issues that could arise surrounding short-term rentals should the bills pass. Terry notes these matters will need to be addressed in the coming months. There will be a public hearing coming up at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee Mike Glynn notes the Zoning Board of Appeals has had two-three requests for variances that deal with contiguous properties. He requests the Planning Commission visit the laws surrounding the smaller, less than an acre, lots and provide more specific language regarding the restrictions for them. He notes there are differences between setbacks in waterfront and agricultural-residential, so having more detailed language would be helpful.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Brown motioned to adjourn.

John Joossens seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Wendy Fitzgerald

Secretary, Debbie Brown