

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

Chairperson Jansma called February 13th, meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Rick R. present

Michael J. present

Mary H. present

Wayne F. present

Mike R. absent

4 Members Present.

Approval of Agenda

Mary H. motion to approve Rick R. support. Passed 4-0

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January, 9th 2023, Meeting.

Motion by Rick R. , Support by Wayne F. Passed 4-0.

Communications:

Email from J.Draper: stating the meeting today Fen. 3. 23 was in violation with the Open Meetings Act as it was not posted properly.

Chairperson Chansma: This is false. The meeting was posted on the Township doors. There was a word press issue where it did not reflect on the website properly (which has been resolved). However, it was posted properly per requirements on the doors.

New Business:

a. Master Plan Discussion- Jeff Keesler, Mckenna Associates

Jeff Keeseler: Read through Goals and Objectives

Community Vision and Goals

1. Agriculture

- Maintain and implement Newfield Township Farm;land Preservation policy which is to preserve the prime, unique, and valuable agricultural land in Newfield Township for present and future generations.

2. Housing

- Plan for safe, creative, and desirable residential neighborhoods that are suitable for people of varying ages, lifestyles and incomes.

3. Transportation

- Maintain and plan for a safe, efficient, and functional transportation system for all users, both motorized and non-motorized.

4. Utilities

-Maintain a plan for efficient, functional and fiscally sound utility systems.

5. Economic Development

- Encourage dynamic commercial and industrial districts

6. Parks and Community Resources

- Maintain and expand natural, recreational and cultural resource assets.

7. Relationships

- Maintain and expand regional and intergovernmental cooperation and relationships.

Planning Commission to overlook all goals and objectives over the next week and submit any adjustments and additions to Chairperson Jansma by 2/21/24 to deliver to Jeff Keesler.

b. Planning Commission By-Laws Draft Review

Chairperson Jansma created a By-Law draft with the assistance of experts at Michigan State University (Citizen Planner).

A brief review was completed and the Planning Commission is to review and submit any adjustments and additions to Chairperson Jansma by 2/21/24.

Zoning Administrator comments:

January was slow for permitting as expected.
1 new permit was pulled for a home build
6 inquiries from nonresidents

Blight and public safety ordinance is in process.

Public Comments:

None:

Commissioners Discussion:

Chairperson Jansma
to discuss the email from J. Draper

This email insinuated that the Planning Commission is not able to make a decision for the mass majority but only drive from one industry. The acquisition is asinine and he would like to denounce it publicly.

Recommendation to the Township Board

No recommendation for The Board at this time.

Chairperson Jansma opened up for adjournment, Adjournment by Mary H., second by Rick R.
Passed 4-0. Meeting Adjourned 8:35 pm