

Lake Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting

June 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman William Geukes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were: William Geukes, Mike Essig, Megan Bowen, Christin Rice, and Bill Shuler.

Absent: Jordan Klint and Jason Kading

Zoning Administrator – Richard Kubsch

Township Supervisor – Zach Carson

Township Trustee – John Wilk

7 - Guests attended

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by: Christin Rice; seconded by: Mike Essig; all ayes, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT – reported by: Mike Essig:

1. Passed a moratorium on the development of Green Energy production until a review can be made and an ordinance adopted.
2. Adopted a resolution to support the Berrien County Trails master plan.

APPEALS BOARD REPORT – reported by: Mike Essig

1. Met to do a review of the Appeal Board By-laws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes was made by: Mike Essig; seconded by: Bill Shuler; all ayes, motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Non-agenda

Adam Keller – Evergreen Drive, Bridgman – expressed concern over the moratorium on green energy products. He is looking into developing the old Hoover Eugene site and asked how the Planning Commission would take action.

Chairman William Geukes stated that this was only just announced to the members today. As far as the Planning Commission's role in this matter, a committee to investigate and review the surrounding municipalities and their ordinances will be formed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

Master Plan Update - Rich Kubsch stated that he had received the Master Plan from Williams & Works this afternoon and it will go to the committee, any changes after that will go back to Williams and Works then to the Township Board for their approval.

Ordinance Review – Update will be moved to the July meeting due to Jordan Klint’s absence.

Zoning Administrator Report

Richard Kubsch:

1. Introduction to Special Use
 - a. An introduction to Solasta Winery, LLC was made by Abonmarche architects for the project at 11947 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman. The owner Rasa Mitkus is looking to establish a winery for classic vinifera and hybrid style wines. The architect present drawings for the Planning Commission review
 - b. Motion was made by: Christin Rice, seconded by: Mike Essie to call for a Public Hearing for the July 10, 2023 meeting; all ayes, motion carried.

Audience Comments

Opened at: 7:28 p.m.

None

Closed at: 7:28 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn was made by: Christin Rice, seconded by: Mike Essig at 7:29 p.m.; all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Christin Rice - Secretary

Date