

LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

AUGUST 7, 2023

MEETING MINUTES



Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bill Geukes followed by the Pledge to Our Flag

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Geukes, Jordan Klint, Bill Shuler, and Mike Essig.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Megan Bowen, Christin Rice, and Dan Birochuk.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Rich Kubsch

GUESTS; Adam Schaller, Kevin Gratkowski, Beth Gratkowski, and Shirley Myers

Motion by Bill Geukes with a second by Bill Shuler to approve the agenda with the addition of accepting the resignation of Megan Bowen. Motion carried.

Bill Geukes motioned with a second by Mike Essig to nominate Jordan Klint to replace Megan Bowen as Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Mike Essig gave the following Lake Charter Township July meeting report. A new building permit fee schedule for structures was approved. Approved Township portion of cost to study merging fire departments with Lincoln Township. Approved the addition of five new members to the Fire Department.

Mike Essig reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals looked over zoning rules and procedures at their last meeting.

Mike Essig also reported on the joint meeting held on July 31st with Bridgman City Commissioners. The new Bridgman Courtyard was talked about. Updates from both Township and City along with the Bridgman Public Library, Community Growth Alliance and Bridgman Schools. The Bridgman State Champion Baseball team was recognized with a proclamation. There were several comments from Persons present. Megan Bowen publicly resigned at this meeting.

Motion by Jordan Klint with a second by Mike Essig to approve minutes from the last meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioners reviewed the proposed solar ordinance draft. Discussion held with audience participation. Motion by Jordan Klint with a second by Bill Geukes to send solar ordinance with changes to the township attorney. Motion carried

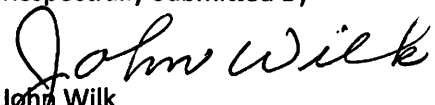
A Planned Unit Development proposal was presented by Kevin Gratkowski. It is located off Red Arrow Highway just North of the Lost Dunes Golf Course. The proposed name is Fairway Cottages and will have about six cottages. Discussion was held. Kevin is seeking a special use permit. He will have a more complete presentation at a future meeting when a public hearing could be scheduled.

Rich Kubsch reported on the Master Plan draft. It is ready to present to the township board. Motion by Jordan Klint with a second by Mike Essig (See Attached Narrative) to present to township board. Motion carried.

It was decided that planning commission members will now enter the township hall through the public entrance and not the office entrance.

Motion by Jordan Klint with a second by Mike Essig.to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By


John Wilk
Acting Secretary