

Schoolcraft Township Planning Commission

Minutes for: Monday, July 10, 2023

Commissioners:

Name	Present	Absent
Barry Visel (Chairman)	X	
David Aubry (Vice Chairman)	X	
Rich Bailey	X	
Eric Jasiak		X
Tamra Stafford	X	
Jim Jastifer	X	
Nathan Miersma		X

Also present:

Name	Description
Don Ulsh	Township supervisor
Emily Petz	consultant

Call to order

Chairman Visel opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda

Commissioner Stafford moved to approve the agenda, supported by vice chair Aubry. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Vice chair Aubry moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 3, 2023, with two corrections supported by Commissioner Bailey. Motion carried 5-0.

Correction One: Commissioner Stafford is not an ex officio member.

Correction Two: Supervisor Ulsh was in attendance.

Public comments / citizen time: none

New business

- a. Land Use Plan Update: Emily Petz updated the commission on the Master Plan survey results to-date and reviewed current goals/policies for Agriculture & Natural Resources and

Rural Character & Community Relationships. Handouts included (1) Schoolcraft Township Master Plan, (2) Residents Characteristics, (3) Survey question answer breakdowns, (4) Agriculture & Natural Resources, and (5) Rural Character & Community Relationships.

Moved by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Jastifer to research mailing the survey to gather more information: motion passed 3-2.

- b. Zoning text amendments public hearing for Sections 17.2 and 24.12: Chairman Visel opened the public hearing at 6:03 pm. Chairman Visel closed the public hearing at 7:41 pm.

Commissioner Stafford moved that commission recommend amending Sections 17.2 and 24.12 as posted, seconded by vice chair Aubry. The motion carried 5-0.

Old business: none

Report from the Township Board

Commissioner Stafford provided a summary report of township board activities: The Board reviewed and tabled a general ordinance on firewood storage. They revised public notice procedures and took steps to allow an alternate Fire Authority board member to vote if needed to establish a quorum.

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals: no report

A motion to adjourn was raised at 7:42 pm by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Jastifer. The motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

David Aubry, acting secretary