

Helena Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 05, 2024 @ 5:00pm

Call to Order: Chair S. Moglovkin called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in room participated.

Roll Call: Present – M. Robinson, J. Bassil, S. Moglovkin, J. Gurr, F. VandenBerg and B. Robbins. Absent – G. Schafer

Township Officials Present: B. Peebles and B. Logee

Approval of Agenda: J. Gurr motioned to approve agenda and S. Moglovkin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts.

Approval of August 01, 2024 Minutes: J. Gurr motioned to approve minutes and S. Moglovkin seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Communications:

- Michigan State University training available for Michigan Township members was briefly discussed;
- Michigan Township Association has determined that sub-committees should not be used to address issues. Rather the entire Planning Commission should address/resolve township topics/concerns/regulatory requirements;
- Member shared that new items to current month Helena Township Planning Commission should be e-mailed to Fay VandenBerg (lcvandenber@aol.com) for consideration in a future agenda;

Public Comment:

1. Residents inquired, shared concern and requested clarification regarding when/why the ordinance regarding number of docks, boat slips and all types of motorized water craft on lake front would be addressed by the Helena Township Planning Commission (investigation indicated that this was removed in 2010, and is being looked into by members.);
2. A resident questioned how the Master Plan Survey results were being addressed regarding greenbelt guidance for Helena Township;
3. A resident inquired about what determines if a revision to existing ordinance or a new ordinance is determined (i.e., what is impact, and how does it tie into the Master Plan);
4. Updates for both Boats & Funneling, as well as Recreational Vehicles was requested at October 2024 meeting.

New Business:

- Zoning Administrator Report: Submission of monthly report completed. No questions;
- Leslie Myers, Antrim County Drain Commissioner, presented information on two topics;
 - Lake levels and how these are managed through dams in Bellaire and Elk Rapids. How she has partnered with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide data to FEMA for assistance in producing new and updated flood maps for the county and townships;
 - Residents may use these links for additional information to see how/if their property FEMA flood risk map has changed: <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv> ; www.floodsmart.gov ; <https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/community-rating-system>

Old Business:

- No old business.

Adjourn:

- Motion made by member F. VandenBerg, seconded by S. Moglovkin. September 05, 2024 meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Fay VandenBerg, Helena Township Planning Commission Recording Secretary