

Helena Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 07, 2024 @ 5:00pm

Call to Order: Chair S. Moglovkin called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in room participated.

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

Township Officials Present: B. Logee

Guest Speaker: Leslie Meyers

Approval of Agenda: S. Moglovkin motioned to approve agenda and G. Schafer seconded. Motion approved.

Statement of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts

Approval of October 03, 2024 Minutes: S. Moglovkin motioned to approved minutes and F. Vandenberg seconded. Motion approved.

Communications:

- Leslie Meyers presented updated flood ordinance information from FEMA. The timeline for Helena Township, and other Michigan townships' information has been extended into April of 2025. Leslie provided a packet of FEMA data/forms to be used when drafting the township ordinance language. The link to the most current Federal Flood Mapping can be found at <https://arcg.is/0jXK4y0>. FEMA updates at this link may occur late in 2024.

Public Comment:

1. There was a short discussion requesting the Helena Township Planning Commission consider the Master Plan output results when prioritizing potential ordinance updates.

New Business:

- Zoning Administrator Report: Submission of October 2024 report was shared. There were no questions;
- Definitions for the following were discussed and language approved for the Helena Township Ordinance Manual – (1) Powered Watercraft (PWC), (2) Dock, (3) Marinas – agreement to adopt the definition from EGLE (MCL – Section 324.30301(j));

- Language for Ordinance – Private Waterfront Access was discussed, updated and approved by the Helena Township Planning Commission (Appropriate location in the Ordinance – Section 2.14 or Section 5.02.01 D.2 will be determined by the attorney.).
- Shoreline Protection Buffer definition and ordinance will be discussed, updated if needed, and approved at the December 5, 2024 meeting. NOTE: Prior Helena Township Planning Commission approval; Helena Township Board did not approve (they did not realize there were 2 (two) language updates they needed to approve.)

Old Business:

- No old business.

Adjourn:

- S. Moglovkin motioned to adjourn and G. Schafer seconded. November 07, 2024 meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Fay VandenBerg, Helena Township Planning Commission Recording Secretary

Note: Minutes approved at the January 09, 2025 meeting by unanimous vote.