Mansfield Township Flanning Commission Meeting Minutes August 19, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.-C.S.T. Mansfield Township Hall

The meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gail Bauwens at 4:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Deborah Strelecki, Gail Bauwens, Russ Bauwens, John Leutz and Rose Poynter.

Also in attendance Zoning Administrator Pam Minerick and Laurie Netzow.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made by Russ Bauwens and second by John Leutz to approve the agenda as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion made by John Leutz and second by Russ Bauwens to approve the December 18, 2019 minutes as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report: The Zoning Administrator provided a written report and commented that not much going on. A new house with a garage build, a deck build and an outhouse build.

Master Plan Progress: Reviewed the two paragraphs on Future Land Use. A motion made by Deborah Strelecki and second by Russ Bauwens to approve inserting the Future Land Use paragraphs in the Master Plan Chapter 3, page 19.

A motion made by Deborah Strelecki and second by Rose Poynter to accept the August 2020 Draft of the Master Plan including the Future Land Use paragraphs in Chapter 3 and present the draft to the Mansfield Township Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Laurie Netzow indicated she emailed a copy of the Master Plan to Brad Neumann for his review.

Public Comments: Bill Fleming wanted to attend but was not able.

Board Privilege: Next Planning Commission meeting will be September 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the Zoning Ordinance issues from 2015 – 2020 which Deb Strelecki will email to the members. Goal is to have them completed so they can be approved at the same time as the Master Plan and can be moved on to the Public Hearing. The completed draft of the Master Plan will be emailed/mailed 8/24/2020 to the township board members for their review so they can discuss at the next monthly board meeting on September 16, 2020. Pam Minerick provided the Planning Commission with copies of the steps for Adopting A Master Plan. No additional comments from the board.

Adjournment: A motion made by John Leutz and second by Rose Poynter to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. All in favor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Deborah Strelecki, Secretary Planning Commission

Mansfield Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September 9, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.-C.S.T. Mansfield Township Hall

The meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gail Bauwens at 4:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: John Leutz, Rose Poynter, Gail Bauwens and Deborah Strelecki.

Absent: Russ Bauwens.

Also in attendance Zoning Administrator Pam Minerick and Laurie Netzow.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made by Deb Strelecki and second by John Leutz to approve the agenda as amended, the date should be 9/9/2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leutz discussed that he wanted to withdraw the Master Plan from the Township Board until we address the concerns/issues that some of the attendees had put in writing and sent to us. Strelecki indicated that the Master Plan was sent to the Board as a preview and for any comments/issues the board might find. A motion made by Leutz, second by Poynter to withdraw the Master Plan from the Township Board until further review. Ayes: Gail Bauwens, Rose Poynter, John Leutz. Nays: Deborah Strelecki. Motion carried.

At this time there are 11 people in attendance, including the Planning Commission, which are too many based on orders from Governor Whittmer (COVID). We cannot move meeting outside due to rain. We will adjourn and reschedule.

Adjournment: A motion made by Gail Bauwens, second by Rose Poynter to adjourn this meeting at 4:17 p.m. Ayes: Gail Bauwens, Rose Poynter, Deborah Strelecki. Nays: John Leutz. Motion carried.

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Mansfield Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.-C.S.T. Mansfield Township Hall

The meeting of the Mansfield Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gail Bauwens at 4:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Russell Bauwens, Gail Bauwens, Mike Carey, Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter, John Leutz and Deborah Strelecki.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance Laurie Netzow.

Approval of Agenda: A motion made by Russ Bauwens and second by Deb Strelecki to approve the agenda as amended to include previous meeting minutes for August 19, 2020 for approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion made by John Leutz, and second by Rose Poynter to approve the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes as written. All in favor. Abstain: Russ Bauwens & Mike Carey. Motion carried. A motion made by Russ Bauwens and second by Gail Bauwens to approve the August 19, 2020 meeting minutes as written. All in favor. Abstain Mike Carey. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report: Zoning Administrator, Pam Minerick contacted chairperson Gail Bauwens indicating she will not be attending. She also contacted Brock VanOss and sent him a handout for the other members to review. He gave each commission member a copy.

Introduction of New Board Members: Brock VanOss introduced himself, has a background in Forestry with degrees in Forestry and Forest Tech. and is a business owner. Mike Carey introduced himself, is 6th generation in the U.P., served on the Iron Mountain Planning Commission for 10 years and is also a business owner. Each member of the Planning Commission asked questions of Brock and Mike to get to know them. The path moving forward for the commission is to set up next meeting dates, review the Master Plan and identify those sections approved and those sections that need change.

A motion by Mike Carey and second by Brock VanOss to remove Laurie Netzow from the Master Plan process. She can participate from the audience. Ayes: John Leutz, Rose Poynter, Brock VanOss and Mike Carey. Nays: Deborah Strelecki, Gail Bauwens, Russ Bauwens. Motion carried.

Laurie Netzow clarified that she can speak from the audience during public comment and was told yes for three minutes. She then left the meeting.

A motion by Brock VanOss and second by John Leutz to send a thank you letter to Laurie Netzow for her commitment to the Master Plan development and process. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None. Board Privilege: None.

Adjournment: A motion made by Rose Poynter and second by John Leutz to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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