

Vernon Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Larry Sprague, John Wolf, Janeene Temple, and Nathan Charles.

Absent: Levi Zdunic, Chris Corwin, and Benjamin Telford.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned and John Wolf seconded to open the public hearing on adopting the Vernon Township Zoning Ordinances. All yes, motion passed.

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 pm.

Nani Wolf and Ashley Amey were present and gave a brief overview of changes to zoning ordinances. There was no discussion and no public comment.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolf seconded to close the public hearing. All yes, the public hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolf seconded to recommend approval and adoption of the Vernon Township Zoning Ordinances. All yes, motion passes.

Mckenna told the planning commission that the next step in the process was for the commission to approve the township maps. This would be done through a public hearing at the May 6, 2024, planning commission meeting.

The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

The February 5, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolf seconded to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024, with no changes. All yes, motion carried.

There were no resident concerns for this meeting.

Perrin Construction requested approval of their site plan at 8888 E Lansing Rd, Durand MI, for a proposed 3,750 square foot addition to their existing 1,770 square foot pole barn. A report was submitted by McKenna and Ashley Amey reviewed this report with the planning commission. Perrin Construction was present and answered question from the board and the audience.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned, and Nate Charles seconded to accept the site plan presented by Perrin Construction. The planning commission is waiving the requirement that Perrin Construction must demonstrate that 10% of the site comprises of landscaped area and declining to have them move the dumpster so that it is not visible from Durand Rd. All approved, motion carried.

Industrial Zoning. The planning commission briefly discussed this with McKenna in order to get a better understanding of where this type of zoning stands. Per McKenna, the current zoning does not match the master plan. McKenna will get the planning commission their recommendations to get this zoning updated to match the master plan by the next meeting.

The planning commission reviewed and discussed its current Rules of Procedure, which have not been updated since 2002. The various positions were discussed extensively, and the commission requested that the Township Board review wages considering the workload for the various positions. The township clerk will create an updated document based on the discussion and have it ready for the next planning commission meeting. At that time, the planning commission will appoint officers and notify the Township Board of term limit dates.

The next meeting date is May 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Susan Bannister
Recording Secretary
Vernon Township Clerk