

Vernon Township  
Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2024

The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Larry Sprague, John Wolf, Janeene Temple, Ben Telford and Nathan Charles.  
Absent: Levi Zdunic and Chris Corwin.

**Motion:** John Wolf motioned, and Nate Charles seconded, to open the public hearing on the Proposed zoning of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores along with the proposed Zoning maps. All were yes, and the motion passed.

The public hearing started at 7:02 pm.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed zoning of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores to R1-D. These areas are currently not zoned. The definition of R1-D was reviewed, and then the zoning was discussed to ensure that R1-D is correct for these areas. The LO-Lakefront Overlay District was also addressed to ensure that it was accurate. Jennifer Walkling of 10562 E. Goodall Rd spoke inquiring about the effect of this zoning on her property across the street. It was expressed that this zoning is only for Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores and would have no impact on her property. She was unsure why the notice sounded as if it was for everyone, and it was explained that the planning commission would also be discussing the recommending maps to the township board.

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolf seconded to close the public hearing. All yes, motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned and John Wolf seconded to zone the currently non-zoned area of Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores to R1-D. All yes, motion carried.

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned and Ben Telford seconded to apply the Lakefront Overlay District to the currently non-zoned Leisure Lake and Holiday Shores properties. All yes, motion carried.

Following the public hearing, the planning commission reviewed the proposed Zoning Map amendments. These maps were not commented on.

**Motion:** Nate Charles motioned and Ben Telford seconded to recommend the proposed amended zoning maps to the Township Board. All yes, motion carried.  
The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

April 1, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes.

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolf seconded to approve the minutes of April 1, 2024, with no changes. All yes, motion carried.

There were no resident concerns for this meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed and discussed the final draft of the Vernon Township Planning Commission Bylaws.

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned, and John Wolfe seconded, that the Planning Commission will utilize a member of the Clerk's office as a recording secretary. All were yes, and the motion passed.

The various positions were discussed. Larry Sprague has indicated that he will be stepping down as the Planning Commission Chair due to health reasons. He will remain with the Planning Commission until he is replaced. Following this discussion, the following nominations were made.

Chair – Nate Charles  
Vice Chair – John Wolf

**Motion:** Janeene Temple motioned, and Ben Telford seconded to make Nate Charles the Chair and John Wolf the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.  
The next meeting date is May 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm. All yes, motion passed.

The following terms will be recommended to the Township Board to be in compliance with the new Planning Commission Bylaws.

3-year term – expiring January 2027  
Nate Charles  
Levi Zdunic

2-year term - expiring January 2026  
Ben Telford  
John Wolf

1-year term – expiring January 2025  
Larry Sprague  
Chris Corwin

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Susan Bannister  
Recording Secretary  
Vernon Township Clerk