

Vernon Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Present: Larry Sprague, Chris Corwin, John Wolf, Gary Pabst, Janeene Temple , Benjamin Telford (7:04 pm).

Absent: Levi Zdunic

The agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes.

The minutes of June 5, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

Motion: A motion was made by Chris Corwin and seconded by John Wolf to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023, with no changes. All ayes, motion carried.

There was a call to the public with no response.

Nani Wolf with McKenna presented the draft master plan. She stated that she did meet with the Shiawassee County Road Commission and the City of Durand in preparation of the master plan. Some of the information gathered in those meetings was incorporated into the master plan. In the discussion, there was some concern over the number of times the City of Durand was mentioned in the expectations portion of the plan. McKenna will look at moving these comments/references to another place in the plan.

The next steps for the master plan would be for the planning commission to recommend to the Township Board that the draft master plan be released to the public. This release, if approved, would be done in a public hearing held by the Township Board and would remain available for 63 days. During this time the planning commission is free to continue working on the master plan as necessary.

Motion: The planning commission sends the recommendation to the Vernon Township Board, that the draft master plan be released to the public.

Roll Call: All yes, motion carried.

Nani Wolf with McKenna shared several documents that give a sampling of various wind and solar zoning ordinances. These can be used to give direction to the planning commission in the development of future zoning ordinances.

The interim zoning ordinances adopted in 2022 will need to be renewed. This is done by the planning commission recommending to the Township Board that the zoning ordinances be renewed. The Township Board will have a public hearing and renew the adoption of these ordinances.

Motion: The Planning Commission recommends to the Township Board to renew the interim zoning ordinances.

Roll Call – All yes, motion carried.

The planning commission will not hold a meeting for the month of September due to the Labor Day holiday and the need for the Township Board to hold public hearings.

Next meeting date – October 2, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Corwin and seconded by John Wolf. All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.