

Vernon Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Larry Sprague, Chris Corwin, John Wolf, Gary Pabst, Janeene Temple, Benjamin Telford.

Absent: Levi Zdunic

The agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes.

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

Motion: A motion was made by Chris Corwin and seconded by John Wolf to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023, with no changes. All ayes, motion carried.

Brian Marks with the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership (SEDP) addressed the commission. He stated that the Michigan Economic Development Commission (MEDC) would like to know where Vernon Township stands regarding development in the area formerly known as "Project Tim." The MEDC is still interested in working with the township to develop this area somehow. The MEDC did listen to the public and agreed that any development may need to be somewhere other than across from the school. The due diligence has been completed on this area, and results will go to the County first, then hopefully be distributed to the local municipality. There are other options for this area regarding water and sewer, with Swartz Creek indicating they would be interested in selling utilities to a project in this area.

The township board has received the draft master plan and has scheduled a meeting to publish this document.

The commission was provided with several examples of zoning for solar and wind. These documents were reviewed and discussed. The township clerk will utilize some of these examples to draft a working document for the commission to start drafting these ordinances. Brian Marks from the SEDP will also provide the commission with copies from the county to help make Vernon zoning more compatible with the County.

The township clerk let the commission know that the Township of Venice has published its draft master plan and will be holding a meeting in November. Anyone wishing to review this document can get ahold of the clerk.

Gary Pabst announced that, effective this meeting, he will be resigning from the planning commission.

Next meeting date – November 6, 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 7:45 pm.