



Clinton County, MI
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI
Proposed Planning Commission Minutes from August 30, 2021 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Tammy Ashley at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Chuck Nelson, Doug Marek, Julie Townsend, Tom Mitchell. **Absent:** Dave Ginther (Vacation)

Public Comment: None

Agenda: Motion by Ms. Ashley to add item (Zoning ZC-11-21 VR) to new business. 2nd by Dr. Nelson. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve amended agenda by Dr. Nelson. 2nd by Mr. Mitchell, All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sell to approve the August 2, 2021 meeting minutes. 2nd by Mr. Marek. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **Master Plan** – Dr. Nelson submitted comments to the group. He notes that the plan is much improved. Dr. Nelson specifically points out issues in regards to forests/woodlands/forestry. on page 32 the plan lists woodland values, that paragraph should also include: ***“Source of wood and wood fiber for dimensional lumber, fuel and a wide range of wood-based products such as veneer, paper, ect.”*** On Page 34 the plan suggests controlling the clearing of woodlands, this is not what we asked for, that should be changed to: ***“Work with the Clinton County Conservation District and others to promote sustainable use of forests including encouraging stewardship plans for long term viability and to meet landowner objectives”*** Motion by Ms. Ashley to adopt Dr. Nelsons comments into plan. 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor, Motion carried. Ms. Townsend shared comments regarding watersheds and wetlands possibly missing from the plan. Mr. Mitchell pointed out many small but grammatically inconsistent errors throughout the document. Motion by Mr. Sell to have Nelson/Mitchell do a grammatical consistency and watershed review, make the needed changes, after which the PC will consider the document finalized, completed by 6th of August. 2nd by Dr. Nelson. All in favor, Motion carried.
- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates that grant application was submitted. Across the country more than 230 grant applications were turned in with a total funding request of 2.5 billion, 7 times higher than the programs budget. Sell believes the Township has a strong application and remains guarded but hopeful. It was mentioned that we now

have a fully fleshed out application to submit to any other grant programs as they become available.

- **Zoning Parcel follow-up-** Clinton Country denied the request.

New Business:

- **Zoning ZC-11-21 VR-** Applicant request a variance to operate home business as lot is less than 3 acres. Application was fully and completely filled out, Several PC members drove by and looked at property. It was discussed that the property is zoned A2, and proposed screen is technically not a structure, and this is an offsite business not generating noise or nuisance. Dr. Nelson motioned to recommend approval of application. 2nd By Mr. Sell. All in favor, Motion carried.

Extended Public/Board Comment – Ashley again pointed out current makeup of the Clinton County Planning Commission. It was discussed that Victor is Not represented.

Action Items:

- Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Nelson will complete Master plan review and submit final deliverable
- Mr. Sell will keep PC apprised of any updates from the broadband grant application

Motion by Dr. Nelson to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Supported by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary