



Clinton County, MI

6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI

Official Planning Commission Minutes from January 3, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Chuck Nelson at 7:03 pm.

Attendance: Present: Chuck Nelson, Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Dave Ginther, Tom Mitchell, Julie Townsend, Doug Marek

Absent: None

Public Comment: Tammy Ashley had a comment that the May 2022 meeting date was posted incorrectly, she had rectified and corrected. Doug Marek commented a resident mentioned to him they came to drop off tax bill and the mailbox was nearly overflowing. This is to be expected over a long holiday weekend. Dave Ginther Commented that the tax bill newsletter had information about burn permits, and he felt it should mention you only need one permit per calendar year.

Agenda: Motion to add Email marketing and Victor Hall Basketball hoop to agenda, and then approve agenda by Ms. Ashley 2nd by Mr. Mitchell, All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Sell, 2nd by Mr. Ginther, All in favor, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **Master Plan** – Chris Khorey was present for update on the finalized master plan. Clinton County conservation district was provided the plan and are supportive. There were no members of the public present for comment. The PC ensured that prior PC member collaborators were included in the plan as contributors. Ms. Ashley motioned to recommend the Township board approve plan as written. 2nd by Mr. Mitchell, All in favor, Motion carried.
- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates that grant application continues to be reviewed. There continue to be no announcements. Mr. Sell gave updates on a new program called the “Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)” This is a program that will provide a onetime \$50 grant and a monthly discount of \$30/month on internet service from qualifying ISPs. The program is geared for lower income households, so much of Victor may

not qualify, however the PC feels it is still worthwhile to make the program known to residents. Ms. Townsend provided an email from Guidehouse that detailed the latest on Clinton County's efforts to put together a countywide map of broadband accessibility along with the survey we will be conducting on 400 random residents. This looked like a more professional version of the survey and messaging that Victor sent out. It was noted that the ARPA funds detailed in the brochure were relatively minor in comparison to needs of the Township. There is a meeting hosted by Guidehouse on January 17, A PC member will try to attend. It was noted that Daystarr has again made known their intents to build out fiber around Lake Victoria. Daystarr has initiated talks with Lake Victoria property to explore options.

- **Marijuana Zoning** – It was noted that the Township Board did not discuss the 5 Recommendations that PC put forth at their Dec. 13th Meeting. There was discussion and speculation about what if anything the county will do. It was mentioned that advocates for either side of issue could potentially collect signatures and write a position favorable ballot initiative in the upcoming election should the township not adopt their own ordinance. The PC strongly feels there should be a carefully written Voter referendum, specifically describing rules and potential areas, and sizes for both indoor/outdoor production. It was decided that the PC should again recommend the Township Board debate PC recommendations from the December 6th Meeting.
- **Term Limits** – It was discussed the terms for PC members expire in varying months. The PC desires to assign a slot for each member, and corresponding term expirations. The PC also wishes to have all terms expire April 30 (of different years). Terms were nailed down and assigned the following: SELL and NELSON Term end April 2022, MITCHELL and MARECK Term end April 2023, GINTHER and ASHLEY Term end April 2024. PC members wishing to continue to serve need to submit letter of intent by April 1 of the expiring year, additionally anyone who takes over an existing term finished that term, a new 3 year term is not created.

New Business:

- **Parks and Rec Plan** – Dr. Nelson will be working on plan this month, In hopes of sending previously discussed surveys out with the summer tax bills.
- **Email Marketing** – Mr. Marek updated the group on his conversation with the Township Clerk regarding website, Facebook, and email marketing management and growth. Prior concerns about collecting emails and FOIA raised seem to have been declared likely not an issue by the township Attorney. It was mentioned that the time required to keep current on website, Facebook, and Email marketing would be a concern for the clerk, (or any volunteer for that matter) At the end of long discussion it was determined that it may be in the best interest of the Township to have a 3rd party management service for its online presence,

notifications, and updates. Ms. Ashley motioned to recommend to the Board that WebLocal be retained to expand services to improve township messaging and efficiency via social media and email marketing, 2nd by Ms. Townsend, All in favor, Motion carried.

- **Bylaw review** – Discussion was had during term limits, rendering this topic moot.
- **Basketball Hoop** – Mr. Sell noticed one of the Halls' parking lot basketball hoops was missing. He has noticed kids playing out there often. Mr. Sell wanted to mention it as an item that should be repaired before spring.
- **Commissioner Comments** – Ms. Townsend let the group know there was an upcoming budget meeting all are welcome to attend. Ms. Townsend also noted that it is time to begin thinking about road projects for the upcoming year. It was mentioned that the PC should perhaps bring this up as an agenda issue for the February Meeting. Ms. Townsend will invite the road commission representative to an upcoming meeting for discussion.

Action Items:

- Dr. Nelson will continue work on Parks and Rec plan.
- Mr. Sell will continue to Monitor NTIA grant progress.
- Ms. Townsend will invite the road commission representative to an upcoming meeting for discussion

Motion by Mr. Sell to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Supported by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary