



Clinton County, MI  
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI  
Official Planning Commission Minutes from June 6, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Tammy Ashley at 7:02 pm.

**Attendance:** Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell (arrived late), Dave Ginther, Tom Mitchell, Doug Marek, Julie Townsend

**Absent:** Chuck Nelson

**Public Comment:** Jaren Harmon, Executive director of Mid-Michigan Land Conservatory introduced himself and gave a brief presentation about the MMLC purpose, History, and Mission. Mr. Harmon also asked for advice on other bodies he could meet to share his objectives. The PC recommended he attend the upcoming Township Board Meeting and the next Clinton County planning meeting.

**Agenda:** Ms. Ashley motioned to approve agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Marek, All in favor, Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Sell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mitchell, All in favor, Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Master Plan** – Previous months issues were brought to the Board and are being addressed, no other new information to report.
- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell has been out of the country for the past few weeks and as such had few details to share, Mr. Sell gave brief update from a Merit sponsored group call including himself and Board Member Fickes, as well as a quick refresher on where the Township is at currently in relation to Guide house, Merit, and Clinton County. (Including the County desire for a non-binding agreement and pledging of some funds) Mr. Sell did reiterate the desire to get messaging and perhaps education out to the community referencing current and future shorter-term options for connectivity to cover the long buildout period that any major infrastructure project will come with. Mr. Sell noted that he would be getting up to speed with Ms. Fickes and will update the PC at the next meeting.
- **Parks and Rec Plan** – It was agreed plan is still to include survey in summer tax bill.
- **Marijuana Issues** – Ms. Townsend updated the PC that the Board had received our most recent reworded Cannabis survey. They are mostly supportive of the wording, but do have a few small tweaks. It is expected to be mostly finalized at the upcoming Board meeting. There was discussion about the opt-in/out processes and rules and the County position.

**New Business:**

- **Improving communication between Township and residents follow up** – Mr. Marek said he had no new information to report, and has had no discussions yet with board members. Mr. Sell gave updates on last month's presentation to the

Board, highlighting the free email and newsletter software that he presented. Mr. Sell indicated that the Board seemed largely supportive of the final product and the example newsletter and emails that he presented. Mr. Sell gave updates that he had passed on his account credentials to the Board so that they could explore the software for themselves, and he again volunteered his services to train up and Board members or hall staffers on how to use and manage the software. Mr. Sell also alerted the PC to attach office staffers ([Info@victortwp.org](mailto:Info@victortwp.org)) on mailings and asked that we send agendas to them the Wednesday prior to our Meetings.

- **LSW update** – Ms. Townsend gave update from her attendance at the LSW last month. She noted that there are dramatic challenges with employee retention, specifically paramedics, and the LSW is considering a pay raise for firefighters. Ms. Townsend pointed out that Victor is not a voting member of the Co-op that LSW serves, and Victor does not use LSW for ambulance service. Ms. Townsend pointed out the Township is currently committed at 1mil to the LSW, but voters have previously approved 1.5mil, so Victor does have a good amount of wiggle room should more funding be required. Ms. Townsend indicated she felt the Township Board will likely have some robust discussion on this subject at the upcoming meeting. It was also discussed that several PC members thought that observed response time from LSW has been above average, and both local firefighters and paramedics are grossly underpaid considering current economic times and employment ecosystem. Lastly Ms. Ashley brought up 911 pinging problems, and shared that she thought it needs a serious look to avoid major losses in case of a large emergency.
- **Commissioner Comments – none**

**Action Items:**

- Mr. Sell will contact Board Member Fickes and attend upcoming Board meeting to be brought up to speed on Internet Updates

Motion by Mr. Sell to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Supported by Ms. Ashley. All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary