



Clinton County, MI
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI
Proposed Planning Commission Minutes from August 1, 2022 meeting

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

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

Absent: NA

Public Comment: Mr. Ginther commented that he heard from residents the LSW response time to a recent fire may have been lacking. He heard other municipalities arrived to the scene prior to LSW. He also saw a social media post containing somewhat heated exchanges between a resident and a LSW official. Mr. Ginther thought that was in poor taste. Ms. Ashley commented that even with the recent pay raise she felt the Paramedics are well below competitive wages.

Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda by Ms. Ashley, 2nd by Mr. Ginther, All in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Ms. Townsend, All in favor, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **Master Plan** – Dr. Nelson asked to shift to new business.
- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates including the county announcement of an official broadband taskforce, and the county pledging 3 million in ARPA funds to the efforts. He shared that RFPS opened on August 1 for a 60 day window, and that we would likely see front-runners emerge quickly. There was discussion among the group that with Victor being a linchpin to our service area, and having committed such a large number of Victors ARPA dollars we should really have Local representation on the taskforce. Mr. Sell discussed he thought that Board member Fickes would be an excellent candidate for such an appointment, and would express to the board that sentiment. Lastly Mr. Sell shared that community workshops or education courses were not likely in our future, but perhaps we could earmark a corner of any future print or digital newsletters for short education blurbs regarding Technologies.
- **Parks and Rec Plan** – Mr. Sell gave updates on initial data received from the surveys. The PC was very pleased with response thus far. After the Survey period expires Dr. Nelson will deep dive into the data and provide updates to the group.
- **Marijuana Issues** – Mr. Sell gave updates on initial data received from the surveys. The PC was very pleased with response thus far, and it was noted there is passion on both sides of the issue. After the Survey period expires Mr. Sell will deep dive into the data and provide updates to the group.
- **Implementing Cemetery Recommendations** – Ms. Townsend shared that she had been out to assess and measure pitch on all the cemetery roads, word on refurbishing them would begin soon. Ms. Townsend also met with the Supervisor to assess

dress the required trimming. Mr. Sell shared that he visited Stillson and some positive work had been done on the fencing and other action items, while noting the lettering could use a fresh coat of black paint.

- **Improving communication between Township and residents follow up** – Dr. Nelson commented that he thought PC members had done a great job implementing communication devices for the Township (Namely mailerlite) Dr. Nelson mentioned that he thought it was well received by Township staff and asked if Mr. Sell or Ms. Townsend was aware of any further plans to utilize these communication devices moving forward. Mr. Sell nor Ms. Townsend had any update at this time.

New Business:

- **Master Plan** – Dr. Nelson discussed the desire to begin next steps in implementation of, and accountability to the master plan. He suggested each PC member be assigned a specific goal from the plan and report back next meeting with actionable steps to help meet those goals. The assignments are as follows – Internet and wireless (Sell). Infrastructure improvements (Townsend). Watersheds and Non-motorized trails (Nelson). Fiscal responsibility (Marek). Health business climate (Ginther). Protect the environment (Ashley/Ginther). Changing market trends and recycling (Mitchell).
- **Commissioner Comments – none**

Action Items:

- All PC members were assigned Master plan goals and will follow up next meeting
- Mr. Sell will prep Cannabis survey data prior to next meeting
- Dr. Nelson will prep Parks and Rec data prior to next meeting

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



Dave Sell, Secretary