



Clinton County, MI

6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI

Official Planning Commission Minutes from December 5, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Chuck Nelson at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: None

Public Comment: Nicole Fickes asked that The Commission ensure that previously discussed hazard mitigation was included in the Master Plan. Dr. Nelson will ensure they are in and provide an amendment to the plan if they are not.

Agenda: Motion to 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 Ms. Ashley, all in favor, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates focusing on the newly released FCC broadband coverage map. Nicole Fickes was also present and gave updates from the County Internet workgroup. Both Mr. Sell and Ms. Fickes shared concerns about the new FCC map and the speeds described therein. Mr. Sell gave his interpretation that the satellite providers in the area (Point, Starlink, Hugesnet) are reporting total coverage in the area, skewing our overall speed number upward greatly. Mr. Sell was concerned that these satellite providers were not included on the previous speed map, and now with their inclusion victor township may be deemed not eligible for grants based on the qualifiers of 100/10. Mr. Sell also noted that while some satellite providers may actually provide those speeds under perfect conditions, overall concurrent user load will drag down speeds considerably, there are hard data caps, and latency issues. All of those points make satellite a non-viable solution for our area. Ms. Fickes is going to bring some of our concerns to the county board and guidehouse in search of further answers, we hope for more clarity at the next meeting.
- **Parks and Rec Plan** – Dr. Nelson noted that the Parks and Rec plan has yet to be hosted on the Victor website, he will follow up with the Board to ensure it is posted in a timely manner.
- **Implementing Cemetery Recommendations** – Ms. Townsend gave updates on RFPs received, and informed the Planning Commission on which company was selected. Ms. Townsend is working through the process of checking the companies insurances and other requirements in place, and it coordinating a timeline for trimming. Ms. Townsend also gave updates that Reed gravel had been handled. Ms. Townsend also gave updates on the County’s recommendations for Victors 2023 road projects. There was discussion about Alward and the dire need for attention to Alward between St. Clair and Shepherdsville. (The Planning Commission thinks there may be a typo in the county plan and Ms. Townsend will clarify). Ms. Townsend also wanted to explore alternatives to Brush spray and Chloride. There was Discussion on how to get the Victor section of Alward “Synced up” with the County’s portion of Alward for chip seals.

To that end Ms. Ashley motioned to recommend NOT chip sealing Alward, and instead to reconstruct Alward between St. Clair and Shepherdsville. Mr. Ginther 2nd. All in favor, Motion carried (Unanimous Yes on the roll call vote.)

New Business:

- **Zoning Request ZC-12-22**
Members of the Planning Commission were all supportive of the Farm Stand Request. Mr. Sell Motioned to recommend approval to the request, 2nd by Ms. Ashley, all in favor, Motion carried.
- **Progress on VTPC written priorities per 9/25 letter to the board**
The PC is pleased so far with board actions; Cemeteries are in progress, Propane tank is fenced, Playground is leveled, Historical buildings have been addressed, Light pole base has been poured.
- **Commissioner Elections 2023** – All current officers were willing to continue another year in the current roles. (Nelson Chair, Ashley Vice Chair, Sell Secretary) No other Commissioners asked to be considered. Motion by Ms. Ashley to renew current positions for the upcoming year 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor, Motion carried (Unanimous Yes on the roll call vote.)
- **2023 Meeting Days** – Dr. Nelson commented that Tuesday meetings would have less conflicts with holidays. Ms. Ashley Motioned that the Planning Commission move all meetings to the first Tuesday of the Month, with the exception of July which will be held on the Tuesday prior (June 27) Mr. Sell 2nd all in favor, Motion carried.

Action Items:

- Mr. Sell will follow up with Ms. Fickes to try and gain more clarity into the effects of the new FCC map.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday Jan 3, 7:00pm

Motion by Mr. Mitchell to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Supported by Mr. Ginther, All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary