



Clinton County, MI
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI
Official Planning Commission Minutes from January 3, 2023 meeting

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

Attendance: Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Chuck Nelson, Dave Ginther, Tom Mitchell,

Absent: Julie Townsend, Doug Marek

Public Comment: None

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

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

Unfinished Business:

- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates focusing on the ROBIN grant updates, The Clinton Country Broadband infrastructure grant award timeline being moved 30 more days into the future, and let members know there was another Broadband taskforce meeting open to the public Wednesday, Jan 4th. Mr. Sell again brought up the newly released FCC broadband coverage map and how he felt there were inaccuracies in the reported available speeds, skewing the townships overall speeds upwards, and potentially meaning victor township may be deemed not eligible for grants based on the qualifiers of 100/10MBPS. Mr. Sell advocated that the Planning commission should recommend to the board that they send out clear messaging to all residents Via Website and facebook on how to vet their current speed vs what is reported on the FCC map, and if inaccurate how to dispute the FCC map by address. Mr. Mitchell Motioned to recommend to the board they develop a website and Facebook post instructing residents to challenge any falsely reported speeds from FCC map. 2nd by Ms. Ashley, all in favor, Motion Carried.
- **Parks and Rec Plan** – Dr. Nelson noted that the Parks and Rec plan has been made public and he has yet to receive any comments or issues.
- **Implementing Cemetery Recommendations** – Mr. Ginther gave updates that work had begun on some of the cemeteries; He noted that Blood was completed and the service provider had done a good job. Reed was in progress, with many of the larger or more concerning trees had been felled and hauled away, though a couple previously marked trees have yet to be removed. Mr. Ginther also noted that he made contact with the service providers, and left his number in hopes they would contact him with any questions or clarifications, however no one had reached out yet, He also pointed out that the Stillson fence will still need attention this year. Mr. Ginther shared he felt the Mowers are rushing or cutting corners with regards to weed whacking and trimming specifically between stones, He feels the contract spells out they must weedwack and trim as opposed to just running zeroturns ovetop of low stones; This may be something to pay attention to this coming spring. Lastly Mr. Ginther mentioned he felt the Township may wish to explore a “preventive maintenance” approach to tree trimming in the cemeteries, effectively securing a discounted rate of service in exchange for a yearly contract.

- **Road Network** – Ms. Townsend was not present but did provide some preliminary county plans for review. Mr. Ginther floated the idea of coordinating with the County to chip seal all off Alward at one time as Alward is likely to be in this year's projects. Commissioners Ginther, Nelson, and Townsend are all meeting/touring with the Road Commission this coming week.

New Business:

- **Master plan Focus/Committee interest**

Members of the Planning Commission were asked if there are specific area of the Mater Plan they would volunteer to stay focused on. It was decided that Mr. Sell would focus on Internet/technology, Ms. Ashley and Mr. Ginther would focus on Cemeteries and roads, and Mr. Mitchell would be a liaison to the Soccer clubs and oversee soccer field/relationship development.

- **Key VTPC Priorities for 2023**

Members of the Planning Commission discussed a few needs and priorities for 2023:

- i. Ensuring the Hall has a proper and accessible First aid kit and AED.
- ii. Investigating if the soccer organizations still pay some small fees towards the facilities, and if not exploring re-instating those fees.
- iii. Beginning to collect estimates for Hall upgrades - Kitchen, Acoustics, Sagging floor, ect.
- iv. Ensuring the Hazard Mitigation strategies are amended into the Master Plan.

Action Items:

- Mr. Sell will locate or create some short Video or slideshow detailing how to test/challenge FCC map.

Motion by Ms. Ashley to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Supported by Mr. Ginther, All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary