



Clinton County, MI  
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI  
Official Planning Commission Minutes from February 7, 2023 meeting

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

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

**Absent:** Chuck Nelson (Out Sick)

**Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Internet workgroup update**– Mr. Sell gave updates focusing on the Counties decision to name Frontier Communications as their partner ISP for the ROBIN grant. Mr. Sell was very disappointed in this selection and the first round of data coming out from the ISPs RFP. This data showed only 752 houses in the East service data being “wired” by the project, well below the 2200 homes that were promised by other ISPs that bid. Mr. Sell was also dismayed by the Mihi Service maps featured in the latest broadband taskforce slideshow; these maps show the vast majority of households in Victor as being already served with high-speed access, which he contests is not true. Finally, Mr. Sell shared that the numbers seem to be changing in Victor's favor, and the situation is very fluid, He will have more information gather this week and at the upcoming Township Board meeting, and will brief the PC in March. Lastly Mr. Sell wanted to explore the possibility of bringing local Providers together in a sort of CO-OP to explore options outside of the County efforts.
- **Parks and Rec Plan – Township** Board did approve plan, and Clerk is finalizing and submitting to the DNR. The Commissioners also had some discussion as to if the soccer clubs are still paying any upkeep or maintenance fees to the Township. It was determined that they are not, and the clubs have not signed any waivers of liability in recent years. Mr. Mitchell reported that he had spoken with regional recycling contact Shaun, and has collected and provided factual information we can present to residents.
- **Implementing Cemetery Recommendations** – Mr. Ginther gave updates that work had finished on the Cemeteries, However now that the summer leaves have fallen he has identified two more trees at Stillson that need to come down. He will have them rebid and bring findings to the Township Board. Ms. Ashley mentioned that with one of those trees gone a fence replacement at Stillson will be much cheaper and easier. Ms. Ashley will reach out to a fencing contact to get a bid for fence replacement. It was also noted that the fencing company that did Victor Township Hall (east edge of parking lot) was reasonable and may be worth reaching out to. That company is “Cleary”. Mr. Ginther mentioned that he is concerned about the quality of work from the Mowers at the cemeteries, specifically the overgrowth at Blood near the “headstone garden”

- **Road Network** – Ms. Townsend updated that Alward road was on the County website for bids now. She also shared that the Commission is looking into gravel road mowing and deer carcass removal contracts.

**New Business:**

- **Master plan projects** - Members of the Planning Commission were asked if they can expand on projects eligible to be funded by the SPARK grant. There was discussion back and forth centering on ensuring things the public asked for in the recent parks and rec survey were addressed, the discussion focused on a walking path, pickleball courts, and soccer field improvements as all of those could be considered shovel ready projects. Motion to recommend to Township Board A SPARK grant application citing the projects: Walking path, pickle ball court, and soccer field improvements by Mr. Sell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Townsend, all in favor, Motion carried
- **Victor Township 2023-24 Budget and relationship to Master Plan** – Mr. Ginther (As previously discussed) pointed out perhaps we could carve out some money to re-do the Stillson fence. The Planning Commission was pleased to see budget monies for the Historical building's doors. The Commissioners were surprised at the cost of grills.

**Action Items:**

- Mr. Sell will gather more information about current state of ROBIN grant, and Victor households served by it.
- Mr. Ginther will get bid for 2 trees
- Ms. Ashley will get estimate for Stillson fencing

Motion by Ms. Ashley to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Supported by Mr. Ginther, All in favor. Motion carried.



Dave Sell, Secretary