

ATTICA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
August 25, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 25th day of August, 2016, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Penzien at 7 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: David Penzien, Kent Gierman, Phil Madeline, Geri Berry, Robert Stockwell and Maureen Lemons. ABSENT: Mark Ochadleus. ALSO PRESENT: Planner Jason Bibby, Associate Planner Sheila Starks, Attorney Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

REVIEW MINUTES:

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the July 26, 2016 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to approve the July 26, 2016 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Master Plan Evaluation:**

Planner Bibby asked for any questions or comments from the Planning Commission since their review of the draft of the Master Plan Update. There was discussion and Planning Commission Secretary Lemons had several comments and corrections.

Planner Bibby discussed that one of the goals of the Master Plan is to protect the wetlands in Attica Township due to their important environmental function. Planner Bibby reviewed maps of Attica Township's wetlands. There was discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Recommend Township Approval and Sharing with Neighbors of the Master Plan:**

Planner Bibby explained the process of sharing the updated Attica

Township Master Plan with neighboring communities.

MOTION by Lemons, seconded by Berry to recommend to the Attica Township Board approval to share the Master Plan Update Draft with neighboring communities for review. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT: Planning Secretary Lemons reported:

- a) Distributed updates for the members zoning books.
- b) Eleven years ago Greg Eastin (5205 Sutton Road) came before the Planning Commission for a Special Land Use and the Township Attorney at the time never completed the process of reviewing it. Attorney Gildner sent Mr. Eastin a letter informing him of the situation and that it needs to be addressed.
- c) There is a neighbor feud on Hunters Creek Road in which the DEQ is now involved because one neighbor is accusing the other of burning solvent in five gallon barrels under brush and running an automotive business from his property.

PLANNER'S REPORT: Planner Bibby stated that Giffels Webster offers site plan review training and offered to do a presentation during a Planning Commission meeting in the future.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

ATTORNEY REPORT & CONSULTANTS REPORT: Attorney Gildner stated that the Dale Ogle rabbit farm situation is in litigation. There is a hold up due to the fact that no one has walked through his property in quite some time to observe what is taking place in the building. Concession has been received through the court so that it can be inspected. Code official Lonnie Hayes will inspect it through coordination with Mr. Ogle's attorney.

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Berry seconded by Gierman to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

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