

**PAW PAW TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – November 19, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Kerby called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Chairman Kip Kerby, Phil Hover, Chuck Felcyn, Chad Learned, Phillip Arbanas, Fran Sanders

ABSENT: Mark Root

ALSO PRESENT: David Jirousek of Horizon Community Planning

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was offered by Learned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was supported by Felcyn.

- Chairman Kerby called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0)
- Aye: Chairman Kerby, Hover, Felcyn, Learned, Arbanas, Sanders
- Nay: none
- Abstain: none

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was offered by Hover to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 15, 2024, as presented. The motion was supported by Learned.

- Chairman Kerby called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0)
- Aye: Chairman Kerby, Hover, Felcyn, Learned, Arbanas, Sanders
- Nay: none
- Abstain: none

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- None

6. BUSINESS

a. Master Plan Discussion.

The Planning Commission discussed the November 13 Master Plan Open House. The general thought was that a secondary open house should be planned for early 2025, but it would be very important to ensure that increased public notice efforts occurred prior. For instance, direct mailing postcards could be an effective way to get the word out. The Planning Commission felt that a February time frame might be ideal. The importance of the round table discussions was mentioned and Learned mentioned that it was also important to ensure we received input from the general public in addition to these special interest groups.

The group also generally discussed the feedback from the farming roundtable group, which included feedback on farmland preservation priorities, minimum lot sizes, and cluster development.

b. Solar Ordinance Discussion.

The Planning Commission felt that the decommissioning bond requirement be reassessed by the Township attorney. Learned felt that a five-year interval for bond amount reassessment for the first 10-15 years might be ideal, with annual intervals after that time.

7. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

8. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Learned suggested that a welcome letter be sent to the new Board members on behalf of the Planning Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Hover made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. The motion was supported by Sanders.

- Chairman Kerby called for the vote, and the motion passed unanimously (6-0)
- Aye: Chairman Kerby, Hover, Felcyn, Learned, Arbanas, Sanders
- Nay: none
- Abstain: none

Prepared by: David Jirousek, December 1, 2024

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