

MINUTES SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – JUNE 28, 2023

Chairman, Nick Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. All present recited The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nick Barnes, John Joossens, Ben Schilling, Jon Tidey, Tim Feirick, Veronnica Kenreich and Mike Glynn.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Davis, Scott Saunders, Wendy Fitzgerald, and members of the public

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ben Schilling motioned to approve the agenda.

Mike Glynn seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2023

John Joossens motioned to approve the minutes.

Jon Tidey seconded the motion.

Motion passed by voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public noted the agenda is unavailable in print at the last few meetings. Nick Barnes noted this and will make sure copies are available next time. He offered copies to the public.

BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mark Davis presented.

ZBA REPORT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

During the previous meeting, an ad hoc committee was formed to handle short-term rentals topic. Mike Glynn will provide a briefing during the upcoming meeting in July. Group workshop discussions continue regarding the township's direction, priorities, and goals for the Master plan.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

July 26, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Davis and Scott Saunders introduced the owners of Viking Properties, who shared their idea of creating a campground on a forested area of three acres located off Leach Road and 152. However, no official proposal has been submitted by Viking Properties yet, and they have not filed any paperwork with the state or township. They were present at the meeting to ask questions and seek advice from the board. Veronnica Kenrich suggested that they would need at least five acres for this type of project, while Mike Glynn added that they should also consider the availability of a well and sewer. Mark Davis raised a concern about the need for state approval, and Mike Glynn pointed out that campgrounds must be licensed by the state. The discussion revolved around the current regulations on campgrounds in the township and the necessary steps that Viking Properties will need to take if they decide to pursue their proposal. The potential impact of the project on the township was also discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Veronnica Kenrich motioned to adjourn.

Ben Schilling seconded.

All members present approved, and no members denied.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Wendy Fitzgerald

Secretary, Veronnica Kenreich