

Silver Creek Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024 7:00 p.m. | Township Hall

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chairman Nick Barnes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Barnes
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- III. Roll Call: (All Present)- Nick Barnes, Veronnica Kenreich, Mike Glynn, John Joossens, Jon Tidey, Ben Schilling, Tim Feirick
Others in attendance included Jessica Honn, Mark Davis, and members of the public
- IV. Motion to approve the Meeting Agenda was moved by Ben Schilling, second by Tim Feirick, and carried with unanimous support with a voice vote
- V. Motion to approve of the minutes from September 25, 2024 meeting was moved by Veronnica Kenreich, second by Jon Tidey, and carried with unanimous support with a voice vote
- VI. Communications: Secretary Kenreich did not have any new communications to share
- VII. Call for Public Comment: was open at 7:02p.m. – no comments were presented
- VIII. ZBA Report – Ben Schilling had no new reports to share
- IX. Building and Zoning Administrator’s report – Mark Davis provided a list of new permits issued in the past month and did state that he had received a Special Land Use application for Chorba and was not sure when to schedule that with the Planning Commission not meeting in November and December, and stated that he had explained that to the applicant.
- X. New Business
 - a. Clerk Honn shared information regarding putting in place a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance – Jessica handed out some of the sample ordinances provided by MTA and encouraged the commission members to read up on some of the new changes coming this way once the Statewide Ordinance goes into effect. By establishing our own compatible ordinance, we can receive more of the permit costs and hopefully be able to work with companies, rather than the companies just working with the State. Companies will be more willing to work with Townships as the results are faster, but if our ordinance is not updated, then they will just overstep us. We would need to have the same setbacks as the state or it would not be considered compatible. Chair Barnes encouraged members to review the ordinance and escrow samples and to come back from the holiday break ready to discuss.
 - b. Schedule for the remainder of the year: while there was a Special Land Use application received; it had not been received in time for this meeting. Discussion ensued about when to have it or if a special meeting was to be called. The November and December meetings were not scheduled as regular meetings due to board turnover, but a Special Meeting could be called.
 - i. Members and Positions – Chair Barnes had expressed that with him on the ballot for Trustee, the position to chair is incompatible and asked if there was

interest among the members. Ben Schilling spoke up about being interested, however with him currently the chair of the ZBA – the positions would also be incompatible. Ben would be interested in finding someone to chair the ZBA so that he could chair the PC. No other members spoke up in interest of the position. The organizational meeting will happen on January 22nd at the regularly scheduled meeting.

XI. Old Business

- a. Any additional RFP's returned? No other request for proposals on the Master Plan were received. Mike commented that the Board did approve the proposal from McKenna up to \$30,000. There were discussions on who should contact them and how to go about getting it started. There were other discussions on how the County Master Plan was coming along.
- b. Short Term Rental Ordinance – Clerk Honn provided the updated ordinance after final attorney review. The Commission members discussed and agreed to have the Public Hearing for the Ordinance on January 29th (one week following the organizational meeting). Veronnica Kenreich moved, Tim Feirick second, and the motion to set the public hearing for January 29th carried with unanimous support with a voice vote. It will be published and the members had asked the Clerk to share on social media and create interest and notice for those who will not be here in person in the winter months. Comments and questions can be sent in writing prior to the public hearing.

XII. Commission Member Comments:

XIII. Call for Public Comment: comments were heard from members of the audience concerning the PA system.

XIV. Next Regular Meeting will be January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

XV. Motion to Adjourn was moved by Ben Schilling and supported by John Joossens; carried with unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Planning Commission Secretary