

PINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
7900 W. Second Street, Stanton, MI 48888

Minutes of October 9, 2023 Quarterly Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Millard, followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Scott Millard, Chair; Gary Christensen, Vice Chair; Jamie Gorby, Secretary; Tyler Nadeau, Township Board Liaison; Chris Bell; Derek Buchholz (left the meeting at 6:14 PM)

Absent: Dan Main

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Nadeau. Support by Bell.

MOTION PASSED

APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2023 MINUTES

Motion by Christensen, supported by Nadeu to approve the minutes as written.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

• **Appointment of officers**

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Gorby, to retain Scott Millard as Chairperson.

MOTION PASSED

Motion by Gorby, supported by Buchholz, to retain Gary Christensen as Vice Chair.

MOTION PASSED

Motion by Bell, supported by Nadeau, to retain Jamie Gorby as Secretary.

MOTION PASSED

Motion by Gorby, supported by Nadeau, to retain Barbara Kaaikala as recording secretary.

MOTION PASSED

• **Application templates/procedures for special land use permits**

Tabled while a viable template is sought.

• **Ordinance Discussions:**

1. **Blight**

- Page 1 – No changes

- Page 2 – C. **“Junk”**

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Buchholz, to insert “damaged or dilapidated structures” after “remnants of woods” and before “broken toys and bicycles”

MOTION PASSED

- Page 2 – D. **“Motor Vehicle”** - in the final sentence, correct the word “behicel” to read “vehicle”

- Page 3, A. 1.

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Buchholz, to add at the end of the sentence “and in such a manner as not to annoy the owners or occupants of adjoining property.”

MOTION PASSED

- Page 4 – F.

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Buchholz, to add at the end of the sentence “as determined by the Montcalm County Building Department.”

MOTION PASSED

- No changes to Section 4

- Tabled – where to add that the ordinance enforcement process should be initiated by a written complaint
- Motion by Nadeau, supported by Christensen, to table work on the Blight Ordinance until the January 8, 2024 regular meeting, picking back up on page 4 Section 5.
MOTION PASSED

2. Noise

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Bell, to table the Noise ordinance indefinitely due to difficulty in enforcement. MOTION PASSED

3. Short Term Rentals and Tiny Houses

Motion by Nadeau, supported by Bell, to table work on Short Term Rental and on Tiny House ordinances until the January 8, 2024 meeting. MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Leslie Rydahl, Pine Township resident, reported on Michigan House of Representatives bill HB4760, which affects Township control in making local ordinances and asked the Planning Commission to ask the Board to pass a resolution opposing this bill.

Bell moved, supported by Christensen, to authorize Nadeau to recommend to the Board at tonight's meeting to pass a short statement as a resolution in support of Michigan Townships Association's efforts for townships to maintain local control over ordinances.

MOTION PASSED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nadeau , supported by Gorby, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

MOTION PASSED


Minutes submitted by Jamie Gorby, Secretary

Minutes typed by Barbara Kaaikala, Recording Secretary