Arlington Township

Planning Commission

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AGENDA Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, 6:00 pm

* **CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:03 pm**
* **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
* **ROLL CALL**

Bill Handlang Y Tina Loomis Y Ron Klein Y Donna Bell Y Matt Butler Y ALL PRESENT

* **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** motion by Tina Loomis to approve meeting agenda. Donna bell-support. Unanimous approved
* **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** 4-11-2024 : MOTION TO APPROVE BY Tina Loomis, supported by Matt Butler. Unanimous approved.
* **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** 
  + Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.
  + Please provide your name and direct all questions and comments to the board.

Comments on agenda included noise issues with Fredia’s (live music) and Lennox Trucking on M-43 (reefer truck compressors) , concerns regarding issues with the proposed mining site and current activities at the site.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE CLOSED**

* **MASTER PLAN UPDATE**
  + Marcy Hamilton, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.
  + Presentation on the purpose and process of formulating a Master Plan
  + The results of the Township survey were discussed
  + Copies of the first outline draft of the Master Plan-2024 were distributed
  + Ms. Hamilton guided the residents through the topics of the Plan and solicited commentary regarding additional areas of concern. Comments included: maintain agricultural nature of the township, identifying unique features and areas including the Scott Lakes Basin, and protecting ground water.
  + Residents were urged to read initial draft of the Master Plan.
  + It is estimated that finishing the Master Plan will take approximately 12 months.
* **Resident Road Advisory Committee**

A Resident Road Advisory Committee Resolution or Ordinance is currently being drafted. Several residents have offered to be considered for this committee. The formation of such an advisory committee was encouraged.

* **Citizen Advisory Committee**

There was discussion of more resident interaction in government matters through advisory committees. Currently a proposal is being drafted to form an Arlington Township Cultural and Historical Preservation Committee. Also recognized were opportunities for encouraging an increase in small business and “cottage industries,” modifications in Ordinances and emphasis on the Master Plan to facilitate such development within the resident survey results were mentioned.

**2012 Draft-Ordinance Revisions**

Ordinance revisions are ongoing. Residents were urged to bring their concerns regarding ordinances to the Planning Commission.

* **Mining Update**

Residents were informed of a Show Cause Hearing regarding the Township’s legal action to be held June 12 at 3:30pm, in Van Buren Circuit Court, Courtroom 3.

**Noise Ordinance**

Discussion was held regarding whether we need a township wide noise ordinance and what parameters should be considered. Some noise issues could be conditional requirements of an SUP. This issue will be explored at a future meeting.

* **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM: discussion was opened**
  + Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.
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**There were no comments-public comments were closed**

* **ADJOURNMENT**

motion to adjourn made by Tina Loomis, supported by Donna Bell. Motion carried-unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Ronald D. Klein**

**Ronald D. Klein, Ph.D., J.D.**

***Ex officio***

**Trustee**

**Arlington Townshiip**