

MINUTES OF THE AUGRES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

February 12th, 2024 9:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Jesse Young, Patricia Tremble and Donna Wilson.

ABSENT: Barbara Luberda, Ross Maser

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Herzog and Michael Oxley

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:40am with the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was scheduled for 9:00am, but Clerk Oxley failed to inform Donna Wilson of the meeting (apologies!).

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia Tremble to approve the agenda as presented. Motion supported by Donna Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Two Absent. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL of MINUTES: Motion made by Tremble to approve the minutes of the September 11th, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Motion supported by Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Two Absent. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Oxley, Township Clerk noted that this meeting was a 'catch-up' meeting as the last time the planning commission met was last September.

BOARD COMMENT: An overview of issues over the past three months were discussed amongst board members, which comments interjected by Supervisor Jim Herzog and Clerk Oxley. There was discussion about a potential open seat on the Planning Commission board (Barbara Luberda) and names were suggested: Robert Britt (of Board of Review), Pam Dewald, Kathleen Baba, Chris Caulfield, and Pamela Stewart. There was discussion of asking Ross Maser to resign his seat on the board due to lack of attendance.

GENERAL DISCUSSION - TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE: Clerk Oxley reported difficulties incorporating the updates and changes in the Zoning Ordinance document (Microsoft Word *.Doc). The original document (from 2015~2016) was paginated with bullet points. When the Medical and Adult-Use Marijuana 'permitted uses' were added to Chapter 5 (Land Class Uses) all the bullet points and page numbers were scrambled. This resulted in having to make corrections, page by page. Oxley had butted up against trying to make corrections using a Microsoft Word clone program. Donna Wilson volunteered to take the document home and see if using her licensed Microsoft Word program could restore the zoning ordinance to its original form.

MEETING DATES FOR 2024: At the Planning Commissions meeting last September, it seemed apparent that we may not be meeting in December - always a busy month for everyone. At that time there was discussion to establish the meeting dates and times for 2024's quarterly meetings. Oxley failed to print up the schedule and post it in the hall. Referencing the meeting schedule in the agenda packet, Oxley requested the board members go over the dates and times again and approve them. The meetings were set as the 'First Monday of the Third Month of each quarter at 9:00am. (with a nod to the fact that Labor day is the first Monday in September, a Federal holiday. After consensus, a motion was made by Tremble to establish the meeting dates as stated, with the September meeting on the 2nd Monday of September. Motion supported by Wilson. All Ayes. No Nays. Motion approved. Oxley to post the dates on the township hall bulletin board.

BOARD COMMENT: Wilson inquired about the marijuana facilities air filtration, and suggested the marijuana ordinances be updated with specifications that the air quality should meet or exceed EGLE standards. The concept was discussed and it led to the need for similar specifications with waste water from fertilizers and chemicals which ended up in septic systems. Oxley spoke on the conditions at the Pure Green/Glorious Canna facility (2497 East Huron), concerning EGLE shutting down their septic system due to phosphate fertilizers. How they changed their piping systems to contain the issue, and how they are having waste water hauled away to a processing facility (in Claire ?). Chairman Young commented on the need to keep abreast of such changes in the marijuana industry.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None, no residents were in attendance at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The Planning Commission's 1st Quarterly meeting to be held on Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 9:00am

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 10:30am. Motion made by Tremble to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Two Absent. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved at the Planning Commission Meeting _____

Jesse Young, Chairman _____

Michael Oxley, Clerk _____