

# Waterloo Township Planning Commission

## Meeting Minutes

### October 17, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** R. Schumacher, W. Schulz, C. Richardson, B. Steere, J. Beck and M. Zweifler All Present.  
Absent: G. Siegrist

Acceptance of October 17, 2023 meeting agenda: Moved by B. Steere and supported by J. Beck to accept agenda as modified. (added discussion of Planning Commission Procedures). **Motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** B. Richardson gave an update on wind and solar energy bills being considered by the state legislature. Also discussed and distributed The Grass Lake Emergency Moratorium Ordinance on new large solar systems.

Acceptance of September 19, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: Moved by J. Beck, supported by C. Richardson to accept minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

#### (1) New Business: Public Hearing for Hamlin Farms LLC

- Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by M. Zweifler to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing at 7:08pm. **Motion Carried.**
- M. McClure, 12750 Mt. Hope Rd inquired about the proposed change and was concerned the parcel was going to be split.
- G. Hannewald, 12821 Leeke Rd, commented on proposed agricultural zoning changes.
- Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by C. Richardson to close Public Hearing and Reopen regular meeting at 7:17pm. **Motion Carried.**

#### (2) New Business: Planning Commission Review and Discussion of Proposed Hamlin Farms Zoning Change Request.

- Reviewed all the elements of the zoning ordinance 7.04 D1 and found no deficiencies in the application of Hamlin Farms LLC's request to rezone parcel 000-05-05-400-001-00 from A1 to A2. Legal has advised that the surrounding property value impact should not be considered.
- Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by B. Steere to recommend that the Township Board approve the zoning change request by Hamlin Farms LLC on parcel 000-05-05-400-001-00 located at 12230 Mt. Hope Rd, Stockbridge, MI 49285 from A1 to A2 having satisfied all the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance 7.04 D1. J. Beck, B. Steere, C. Richardson, R. Schumacher, M. Zweifler and W. Schulz all vote YES. Absent: G. Siegrist. **Motion Carried.**

#### (3) New Business: Planning Commission Procedures Review

- Reviewed and added items to draft document for Planning Commission procedures for Zoning Amendment changes.
- Reviewed and recommended changes to Petition for Zoning Ordinance Amendment document.
- Documents for Public Comments during Public Hearings, Planning Commission by Laws and making proper decisions will be reviewed at November meeting.

**Old Business: No Action Taken**

**Additional Items: None**

**Public Comments:** M. McClure again questioned and was concerned about a property split on the Hamlin Farms, LLC parcel. Informed that the action at tonight's meeting was only for a zoning change.

**Adjournment-** Moved by R. Schumacher, supported by B. Steere to adjourn at 8:58 pm. **Motion carried.**

**Ralph Schumacher Planning Commission Secretary- 10/18/2023**