

Arlington Township
Planning Commission
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MINUTES WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

Chairman Butler- meeting called to order at 6:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: Bill Handlang, Tina Loomis, Ron Klein, Donna Bell, Matt Butler.

Unanimous -APPROVAL OF AGENDA without modification

Unanimous -APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: August 31, 2023

Public Comments: Chairman Butler limited comments to three minutes and asked participants to state their name and direct comments, questions, and concerns to the Board. The Board was permitted to address specific questions and concerns. Chairman Butler also told participants that specific questions and concerns would be permitted as the Board covered each Agenda item.

Public comments were closed.

There was considerable informative discussion between participants and the Board regarding each agenda item.

Master Plan due by 2024: The current Master Plan will be located and modified.

Update Zoning Map: To update the Zoning Map residents and the Zoning Administrator will locate descriptive documentation, notes, and various maps to facilitate updating the zoning map.

ORV Map: All documentation regarding ORVs will be located, and a final map provided.

Survey Questionnaire Update: Survey questionnaires are still coming in with a final due date at the end of 2023. The use of these data was discussed as an important element in finalizing the 2024 Master Plan

PC Procedures and Protocol revision: The revised PC Procedures and Protocols was read into the record with minor corrections. **CHAIRMAN BUTLER-MOTION: RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE PC PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL AS ENTERED BE ACCEPTED AND IMMEDIATELY POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.” SUPPORTED BY DONNA BELL. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.** (Copy Attached)

Ordinances: The Board discussed the progress in updating for approval the “2012 Working Draft of Arlington Township Ordinances.” Various members of the PC have been assigned specific areas of the Ordinances to address. Discussion about having the website updated and used to inform and educate residents as to the progress of this process was discussed and strongly supported.

Scott Lake: Issues regarding the Scott Lake area were discussed. It was noted that overriding issues included a lack of knowledge of the carrying capacity of the lake, the basic sources of nutrient overload, and fundamental hydrology.

Docks-jurisdictional issues, definitions and “enforcement” were discussed.

Campground: Ms. Jan Murphy presented to the Board the results of her investigation of the campground regarding expansion into Arlington Township, status with EGLE and the county Health Department. Her extensive packet of research will be copied and provided with thanks for her work!!!. Due to overlapping jurisdictions, the PC has contacted Trustees Swanson and Klein to investigate this matter-which has been initiated.

Anti Funneling: is directly related to the carrying capacity of the lake. Discussion of the current ordinance included a very clear statement of purpose, clarification of the EGLE (former DEQ) definitions of “marina” and other issues.

Wood Boiler: In general, the revised wood boiler ordinance was well received, as per resident comments. There were specific comments for future discussion: limiting nuisance by limiting operation e.g. May-September, specifying the definition of “stack” e.g. composition, cap and construction/support, 200 feet required from neighboring residence, as well as how to monitor-example available Particulate Matter monitors. The Board requested that questions and concerns be sent to the PC by e-mail.

Wetlands An initial draft has been completed, Further work is dependent on GIS overlays of wetlands, water features (above and below ground).

Solar Farms on hold

Gravel Mining Question was asked as to when a decision will be made on the Smith application. An Ordinance on extraction mining is being worked on by the Township attorney and the PC. Questions about the rogue mine on 673. The issue of obtaining state permits to mine were clarified. The EGLE permits were regarding water use, extraction, and discharge. Though EGLE regulates mining it does not regulate sand or gravel, sand and gravel mining are regulated by the local municipality as per the MZEA.

Storage Containers Storage containers were briefly discussed, and a draft ordinance is being prepared.

Board Updates none

Adjournment: Chairman Butler: Motion to Adjourn, Tina Loomis Support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm