

Arlington Township
Planning Commission
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Bangor, Michigan 49013
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QUARTERLY MEETING

AGENDA WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2024 6:00 pm

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 7:02PM**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL**

Bill Handlang Y Tina Loomis Y Ron Klein Y

Donna Bell Y Matt Butler Y

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA; motion** to approve T. LOOMIS, SUPPORT: D.BELL VOTE: ALL YES. AGENDA APPROVED WITHOUT MODIFICATION

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

1-16-2024 GRAVEL: MOTION TO APPROVE: T.LOOMIS, SUPPORTED D.BELL: VOTE:ALL YES
2-22-24 WORK SESSION: MOTON TO APPROVE. T.LOOMIS, SUPPORT D.BELL VOTE:ALL YES.

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS -----PLEASE SEE BELOW- due to the limited attendance public comments were permitted on below items.**
 - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.
 - Please provide your name and direct the board will all questions and comments.
- **MEETING DATE CORRECTION:** THE MEETING QUARTERLY DATE OF 9/7/24 SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO **9/4/24**
THE CORRECTED MEETING DATES ARE **3/6/34, 6/5/24, 9/4/24, 12/4/24 AT 6PM**
MOTON TO APPROVE CORRECTED MEETING DATE LISTING: T. LOOMIS, SUPPORT D. BELL. VOTE: ALL YES.
- **SURVEY QUESTION UPDATE:** CHAIRMAN BUTLER DESCRIBED COMPLETED EFFORTS TO VALIDATE THE RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS. RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EASILY READ GRAPHIC POSTED TO THE WEBSITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- **MASTER PLAN UPDATE Chairman** Butler summarized efforts to acquire financials from

Municipal Planning companies to contract collaborative agreements to complete the **MASTER PLAN**, R. KLEIN elaborated on the process of contacting 12 companies receiving useful information from 5. These data and relevant correspondence were reviewed by the board. Resident input elaborated on quality work that was done for Decatur. R KLEIN informed that was a unique plan that encompassed the township of DECATUR-HAMILTON-VILLAGE OF DECATUR and was conducted by the SW Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) for those entities. Examples of master plans conducted by the SWMPC are posted on their website. The Commission favored the SWMPC AND EMPHASIZED THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE to get this project moving!!!!

Motion: **“RECOMMEND TO THE ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT PROPOSAL TO COMPLETE THE MASTER PLAN, FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A SUM OF \$14,904.75 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.”**
MADE BY R.KLEIN. SUPPORTED BY D.BELL. VOTE: ROLL CALL ALL YES

- **ZONING MAP- Zoning map update was discussed.** The “master zoning map” is to be provided to Chairman Butler by resident A. Funk as soon as possible.
- **WETLANDS.** CHAIRMAN BUTLER GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF WETLANDS. R.Klein elaborated on the status. The extent of wetlands, county drains, private lakes, two watersheds, the valuable resource of the Scott Lakes basin, and unique hydrogeology of the area have been impacted by over development and misuse as well as future issues indicating a more inclusive wetlands and water resource Ordinance or set of ordinances. D. Bell emphasized the economic value of said resources.

PUBLIC COMMENTS on ANTIFUNNELONG ORDINANCE REVISION: CHAIRMAN BUTLER SUMMARIZED THE ORDINANCE AS READING ON **PUBLIC INLAND LAKES** IN THE TOWNSHIP, THE GOAL BEING TO REDUCE PRESSURE ON OVER USE BY REDUCING NON-RIPARIAN ACCESS., THE DOCUMENT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED INCLUDING:

1. ADDING ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS FOR “LAUNCH FACILITY”, “DOCKS”, LIMITATION OF LENGTH TO WATER DEPTH ACCOMMODATING SAILBOAT(S) WITH A FIVE FOOT DRAW.
 2. THE NEED FOR CARRYING CAPACITY STUDIES AND EXAMPLES.
 3. WHAT IS “FUNNELLING”, WHAT IF A DEED HAS A WATER ACCESS CLAUSE.
 4. CLARIFYING THE JURISDICTION OF THE DNR AND EGLE RELATIVE TO LOCAL JURISDICTION.
 5. ISSUES WITH WAKEBOATS WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DNR THAT WOULD PROHIBIT WAKEBOATS FROM BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH SCOTT LAKES
- THE **DRAFT** WILL BE MODIFIED AND ADDRESSED AT THE MARCH 28 MEETING.
 - CHAIRMAN BUTLER WILL SEND TO RESIDENTS EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL THAT WILL ADDRESS CONCERNS. (WITHOUT AUDIO/VISUAL SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF DISCUSSION AND UNDERSTANDING IS COMPROMISED)
 - R.KLEIN POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR A CAPACITY STUDY, COLLABORATION AMONG ALL LAKE RESIDENTS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT AND PARTNER WITH THE TOWNSHIP, AS WAS DONE FOR LAKE OF THE WOODS, AND PERHAPS A MORE COMPRENSIVE SET OF ORDINANCES AS PER THE WETLAND DISCUSSION. COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION OR PRESERVATION “SOCIETY” WORK WITH

THE TOWNSHIP MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN DEALS WITH ISSUES INVOLVING THE CHANNEL.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS—NONE

- **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN M. BUTLER SUPPORTED R.KLEIN VOTE: ALL YES

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Klein

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Trustee
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