



**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order by Mike McGriff at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mike McGriff, Colleen Skyrpkun, Nick Weaver, John Dennis, Bonnie DeShon, Stephen Sullivan

Members Absent: Leigh Grimes

Recording Secretary – Stacey Smith

Additions to Agenda:

All members present agreed to move New Business, Election of Officers before Old Business on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by John Dennis, supported by Nick Weaver to approve the December 10, 2024 minutes. Vote: 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

General Public Comment (for non-agenda items):

None.

New Business:

a. Election of Officers

Motion by Nick Weaver, supported by John Dennis to appoint Mike McGriff as the Planning Commission Chairperson. Vote: 5-0 Mike McGriff abstained from voting. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Colleen Skyrpkun, supported by Stephen Sullivan to appoint Nick Weaver as the Planning Commission Vice-Chairperson. Vote: 6-0 **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Bonnie Deshon, supported by Nick Weaver to ask the township board to consider appointing someone to be Recording Secretary. Vote: 6-0 **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Nick Weaver, supported by Colleen Skrypkun to appoint John Dennis as the Planning Commission Rep on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote: 5-0 **Motion Carried.**

Old Business:

a. Continue Review of Zoning Ordinances

Started reviewing Article 16, Section 16.11 – Section 16.15. Discussion held.

Motion by John Dennis, supported by Stephen Sullivan to eliminate the word “berthing” out of Section 12.02.11 and Section 16.11. Vote 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by John Dennis, supported by Nick Weaver to keep the language in Section 16.12 Campgrounds and Travel Trailer Parks in its entirety. Vote 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by John Dennis, supported by, Nick Weaver to keep the language in Section 16.13 Carry-Out Restaurant, Fast Food Establishment, or Drive-In Restaurant in its entirety. Vote 5-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Stephen Sullivan, supported by John Dennis to recommend that the Cemetery Advisory Committee to look at the language in Section 16.14 Cemeteries. Vote 5-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by John Dennis, supported by Nick Weaver to review Section 16.15 Child Care Centers, Nursery Schools, Day Nurseries and Adult Day Care Centers as Defined in Section 2.02.31 at the February meeting. Vote 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Colleen Skrypkun, supported by Nick Weaver to keep the language in Section 16.16 Religious Facilities in its entirety. Vote 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Colleen Skrypkun, supported by Nick Weaver to amend the previous motion and change the wording in Section 16.16 Religious Facilities C. off-street parking and replace it with “all parking.” Vote 6-0 **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Nick Weaver, supported by Stephen Sullivan to keep the language in Section 16.17 Clubs and Fraternal Organizations in its entirety. Vote 6-0. **Motion Carried.**

Announcements & Correspondence Public Comment News & Views

Bonnie Deshon mentioned a Planning & Zoning book from MTA that she recommends for the commission.

Mike McGriff mentioned that members are due for training this year.

Discussion held on Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Adjournment

Motion by Colleen Skyrpkun, supported by John Dennis to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Stacey Smith, Recording Secretary