

Milton Township
Planning Commission
Unapproved Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

Members present: Chairman Hefferan, Neil Warner, Cole, Renis, Ford, Merillat, Peters.

Also present: Sara Kopriva and Jackie Peterson and no audience members.

Hefferan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Public Comment:
No public present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Renis to approve the agenda. Seconded by Warner. **Motion carried.**

Approval of meeting minutes dated November 9, 2021:

Motion by Ford to approve as presented. Seconded by Warner. **Motion carried.**

Approval of special meeting minutes dated November 15, 2021:

Motion by Cole to approve as presented. Seconded by Renis. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

None.

New Business

1. Election of Officers:

Hefferan requested nominations for Chair.

Hefferan was nominated for Chair.

Without objection, Hefferan closed nominations for Chair.

Hefferan requested nominations for Vice Chair.

Ford was nominated for Vice Chair.

Without objection, Hefferan closed nominations for Vice Chair.

Hefferan requested nominations for Secretary.

Merillat was nominated for Secretary.

Without objection, Hefferan closed nominations for Secretary.

Motion by Warner to elect Hefferan as Chair, Ford as Vice Chair and Merillat as Secretary.
Seconded by Renis. **Motion carried.**

2. 2022 Meeting dates:

Planning commission agreed to change the meeting day to the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Motion by Ford to approve the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm as the meeting day and time. Seconded by Merillat. **Motion carried.**

3. Update Committee Members:

The Road Ends subcommittee has been suspended until further direction is provided by the Township Board.

Cole would like to be replaced on the Steep Slopes subcommittee as he will be gone until May. Renis and Warner will be on this subcommittee with Ford.

4. Bylaws Review:

Kopriva reviewed the bylaws and made some recommendations. Discussion of keeping the note about questions from the public for information. Kopriva will revise the bylaws for best practices. Merrillat said he does not object to the change of having the public speak and not separating it out between those in support and those against. Discussion about the time allowed for public comment.

Reports

ZA Report:

Kopriva said we will start working on the Master Plan once the RV park special use is finished. Consider if you want to have a subcommittee work on the Master Plan, or if you want the whole commission to work on it together.

Township Board Report:

Cole said the board discussed the expansion of a sewer system through the township around the lakes and a feasibility study. Warner discussed his interest and knowledge in this area. Cole said the Township Board also discussed not allowing groomed cross country trails at Maplehurst.

ZBA Report:

Hefferan said there was no meeting.

Planning Commission Updates:

Steep Slope Committee Minutes dated November 3, 2021 were presented for information. The committee will set up a future meeting at a later date.

Future Meeting Considerations:

Special Meeting on January 24 at 6:00pm at Elk Rapids High School Peterman Auditorium to deliberate the RV Park special use application.

Meeting adjourned by order of the chair at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Merrillat