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REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Present: Marty Straub, Chairperson, Bob Nester, Vice-Chair; Tom Lewis, Secretary; Chandra Hurd, Christina Maier, Alicia Abbott, and Township Board Rep. Maris Metz. Absent: None.

Also present: David Rohr, Director of Planning and Zoning; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Straub called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, and introduced the Planning Commission members.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all.
3. **Conflict of Interest:** No conflicts of interest by Planning Commission members.
4. **Approval of Agenda:**
Discussion: The Planning Commission Bylaws state that at the first meeting of the year the PC will recommend a representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Added to Action Item #1 Elections. Absent motion to approve agenda the Chair regards agenda approved as amended.
5. **Public Comment:** (non-agenda items) Opened 6:02 PM. No public comments.
6. **Action Items:**
 1. Election of Planning Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary (also Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals)
Moved by Maier, seconded by Metz, to maintain the current officers: Chair Marty Straub, Vice Chair Bob Nester, Secretary Tom Lewis, and ZBA Rep. Marty Straub. All ayes. Motion carried.
 2. Discussion of work plan for review of the 2023 Dexter Township Master Plan.
DPZ Rohr: This is the PC's document, process, and work plan. An ad hoc Steering Committee met for a year to go over the Master Plan section by section, and made some minor changes at their final meeting in March. The Planning Commission will review the Master Plan and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The PC has two meetings, May 23, and June 27, to review and provide comments or changes before going to the public for comments. Consultant Beckett & Raeder can attend either PC meeting to answer questions. DPZ Rohr has asked PC members to email him concerns and changes so he can compile them into one document

to distribute to the Planning Commission. Discussion of a possible work session in June before the regular June 27th meeting. The Master Plan should be finished and addressed at a public hearing for adoption at the Dexter Township Board of Trustees meeting in August or September 2023.

7. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes:

Moved by Nester, seconded by Maier, to approve the meeting minutes of May 24, 2022, as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Township Board of Trustees Update:

Township Board Rep. Maris Metz reiterated the fact of the Supervisor's resignation. She said the Board's plan was to accept applications from the public, and interested Board members, until 4:30 pm May 3rd. Those resumes, with references, are to be emailed to the Township Executive Administrator. A BOT Special Meeting will be held Sunday, May 7th, 6 pm, to interview the applicants. The Board of Trustees will announce their selection at the May 16th Board meeting.

9. Concerns of Commission Members, Director of Planning and Zoning, Supervisor, and Recording Secretary:

Nester: He wanted to know if the Local Roads Committee handled concerns of tree trimming. His concern was a corridor of dead trees on N. Territorial Road that needed attention before a fatality occurred.

DPZ Rohr: He said that after the Master Plan was approved, the consultant would be looking at the Zoning Ordinance to make sure it was congruent with the Master Plan.

Chairperson Straub asked if the new Zoning Ordinance had eliminated the necessity for most variances. DPZ Rohr responded that it had ~~eliminates~~ **eliminated** some of the old culprits.

10. Public Comment: Opened 6:44 PM. No public comments.

11. Future Agenda Items: May 23, 2023

A) Master Plan Review

14. Adjournment: Motion by Maier, seconded by Lewis, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Lewis, Secretary

Janis Miller, Recording Secretary