
HOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES MARCH 28, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
3525 BYRON RD. HOWELL TOWNSHIP HALL, HOWELL MI 48855 (517-546-2817)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Haglund Chairwoman
Wayne Williams Vice-Chair
Peter Manwiller Secretary
Denise Markham Commissioner
Mike Newstead Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Pominville Commissioner
Matthew Counts Board Rep

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Joe Daus, Township Planner Paul Montagno & Anna Wysocki.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The roll was called.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION by Williams, second by Markham, "TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA." Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Manwiller, seconded by Williams, "TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 24, 2023 PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES." Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: None

ZONNING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT: None

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Monthly Permit list is attached. Joe Daus reported that Chestnut Woods has proposed a second phase and that should be presented next month.

TOWNSHIP PARKS REPORT: Martha reported that the township is working on applying for a spark grant for building trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Madeleine Krol, with the Graham Sustainability Institute at the University of Michigan gave a presentation. Introduction to Planning & Zoning for Wind & Solar Energy.

- b. Public Hearing, (1). Amendment to Article XVI, Section 16.18 Heading. (2). Amendment to Article XVI, Section 16.18 a, Table 16-1. **MOTION** by Manwiller, seconded by Markham, "**TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 16.18 HEADING. (2). AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 16.18 A, AND TABLE 16-1.**" Motion carried.
Chairwoman Haglund ask for comments from the public, there were none. **MOTION** by Manwiller, seconded by Newstead, "**TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.**" Motion carried.

Manwiller was questioning the minimum lot size of 5 acres for neighborhood parks. There was a discussion. **MOTION** by Manwiller, second by Williams **"TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 16.18 HEADING. (2). AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 16.18 A, AND TABLE 16-1. WITH A CHANGE TO THE TABLE 16-1, THAT THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS BE CHANGE TO A HALF ACRE."** The roll was called, Newstead – yes, Markham – Yes, Manwiller – Yes, Williams Yes, Haglund – Yes, Motion carried.

- c. Public Hearing on the Howell Township Master Plan. **MOTION** by Williams, seconded by Newstead **"TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MASTER PLAN."** Motion carried.

Chairwoman Haglund ask for comments from the public, there were none. **MOTION** by Newstead, seconded by Williams, **"TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING."** Motion carried.

There was a short discussion. **MOTION** by Williams, second by Manwiller **"TO ACCEPT THE 2023 MASTER PLAN."** The roll was called, Haglund-Yes, Williams-Yes, Manwiller-Yes, Markham – Yes, Newstead-Yes, Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Martha Haglund brought up that need to fill the empty seat on the subcommittee left by Glens resignation. There was a short discussion. **MOTION** by Williams, seconded by Manwiller, **"TO APPOINT PAUL POMINVILLE TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE."** Motion carried


CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No response from the public.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Manwiller, seconded by Newstead, **"TO ADJOURN."** Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Approved: _____
As Presented: XXXX
As Amended: _____
As Corrected: _____
Dated: _____



Martha Haglund, Chairman



Peter Manwiller, Secretary