

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan. Chairperson Lashbrook opened the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Lashbrook, Woloszyk, McClelland, Arnold and Poniatowski. Howe arrived at 8:15 pm. Absent: Kennedy. Others present: Recording Secretary, Teresa Gormley.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Woloszyk to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY Poniatowski, SECONDED BY Arnold to ACCEPT the minutes of the November 16, 2021 Public Hearing as presented with one change on Page 1. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY McClelland, SECONDED BY Arnold, to ACCEPT the minutes of the November 16, 2021 regular meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

It is noted that with deep regret and understanding the Planning Commission accepts the resignation of member Ken Kenndy, who resigned on January 17, 2022 due to personal reasons. Kennedy served on the Planning Commission for well over 15 years and brought critical thinking and humor to every meeting he attended.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There is a need for a vice-chairperson. Woloszyk nominated Poniatowski, who accepted.

MOTION BY Woloszyk, SECONDED BY McClelland, to cast a unanimous slate for Patti Lashbrook for Chairperson, Katie Poniatowski for Vice-Chairperson and Richard McClelland for Secretary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arnold, Yes; McClelland, Yes; Lashbrook, Yes; Woloszyk, Yes; Poniatowski, Yes. Absent: Kennedy and Howe. Yes (5) No (0) Absent (2)  
MOTION CARRIED.

#### 2022 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

MOVED BY McClelland, SECONDED BY Arnold, to adopt the resolution to approve the 2022 meetings calendar as attached. ROLL CALL VOTE; Lashbrook, Yes; McClelland, Yes; Woloszyk, Yes; Arnold, Yes; Poniatowski, Yes. Absent: Kennedy and Howe.

Yes (5) No (2) Absent (0) MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS - Howe arrived at 8:15.

Dangerous Building Ordinance Update

This Board needed to finalize the language for the new/updated Dangerous Building Ordinance. This has been an ongoing discussion for a few months and have suggested language from Attorney Gildner to review and approve, and present to the Township Board for acceptance.

MOTION BY Poniatowski, SECONDED BY McClelland, to approve the Dangerous Building Ordinance, submitted, printed and published as being new ordinance number 1303, and to be presented to the Township Board for consideration and acceptance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Arnold, Yes; Poniatowski, Yes; Lashbrook, Yes; Woloszyk, Yes; McClelland, Yes. Absent: Kennedy and Howe. Yes (5) No (0) Absent (2)  
MOTION CARRIED.

Livestock Ordinance

The Recording Secretary shared that the Township experienced a resident-led Complaint about a resident having farm animals on only two acres of land. It appeared that the ordinance language may need to be fine-tuned.

Discussion by Board. It was requested by this Board to seek advice of Township Attorney Gildner on suggested language in this regard. Lashbrook added that she thinks the Right to Farm Act supersedes most local ordinances but will see what Gildner suggests.

Medical Marijuana

In light of the recent public hearings brought before this Board regarding this topic, there is a need to fine-tune a couple places in this Ordinance. Poniatowski feels that it should be more definite as to the time a property owner/grow operator must live on the premises when operation begins.

Small discussion.

Poniatowski added that she would like to see a 30-60 days to move in or show cause why not, as well as a more “detailed” floorplan where “everything” is located within the grow operation. This would be furnished to the fire department for their use in time of emergency.

## REPORTS

Township Board -- Howe reported that she was absent at the last Board meeting

Zoning Board – McClelland stated there was a public hearing on December 7, 2021 where applicant Craig Fanson was given approval for a variance regarding lot size and setback requirements for his grow operation due to the fact that he was granted permission by Construction Code Authority, then the Township placed a moratorium on grow operations, and then a new ordinance was approved under which he did not comply. Since Fanson was initially granted permission, the Zoning Board felt they must approve but stressed this is a one-time only situation.

## PUBLIC TIME

There was nothing additional.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY McClelland, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Submitted by:

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Teresa M. Gormley  
Recording Secretary

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Richard McClelland  
Secretary