

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan. Chairman D'Arcy opened the meeting at 7:27p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: D'Arcy, Woloszyk, Howe, McClelland, Kennedy, and Lashbrook. Members Absent: Arnold. Others present: Recording Secretary, Julie Dockham.

MOVED BY Lashbrook, SECONDED BY Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA: None

MOVED BY Howe, SECONDED BY Lashbrook to ACCEPT the minutes of the January 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

LASHBROOK added that it should be noted that the Arcadia Township Planning Commission did not meet for the rest of 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

D'Arcy commended Woloszyk and expressed appreciation for staying on the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS – D'Arcy discussed from the January, 2020 meeting that there are two items that still need to be looked at from a letter dated December 19, 2019 from Attorney Michael Gildner regarding Dangerous Building Ordinance 800 and Township By-Laws.

D'Arcy found the By-Laws and distributed them to the Township Board and also to Attorney Gildner. The only person to respond to the distribution was Lashbrook and she did not see any issues. That old business was fixed according to D'Arcy.

D'Arcy asked whether or not we need a Dangerous Buildings ordinance or do we need to modify the one we currently have?

Howe asked isn't there a state law that already addresses the dangerous buildings ordinance?

D'Arcy stated that he thinks that is the case but that the Planning Commission needs to go back and explore this. There is some confusion with what Attorney Gildner stated -- something to the affect that this is covered in our other ordinances but we do not know which one he is referring to. The Planning Commission needs to look into this some more.

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of the 2021 Meeting Dates

MOTION BY Howe, SECONDED BY McClelland, to adopt the Planning Commission 2021 Meetings schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Howe, Yes; Woloszyk, Yes; Kennedy, Yes; McClelland, Yes; D'Arcy, Yes; Lashbrook, Yes.

Absent: Arnold

Yes (6) No (0) Absent (1)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2021

MOTION BY Lashbrook, SECONDED BY Kennedy, to retain same officers as 2020 as long as they so consent. MOTION CARRIED.

Contact Information – Planning Commission Address Chart updates by board members given to Recording Secretary Julie at end of meeting.

REPORTS

Howe reported that she attended the last Township Board meeting on March 9th. Approval of mowing from the county was made versus having a private company do it. It was cheaper having the county do it.

Road brine for the township – no one is doing the road brine. The county road commission will do it doing 2 pass option with a 3rd if needed.

Medical Marijuana moratorium – the township has put a moratorium in place for less than nine months. The hold has been put in place due to the fact that people are growing medical marijuana and commercial growers, people are buying up property here to grow the marijuana, they are not living in the homes, but they want high-amp service for the homes and barns which is more for commercial use than home occupation.

Brush and tree removal was discussed, a \$5k allocation for these will be used.

The Township offices need new computers (6 total), several bids were submitted for new PC's and a server. Computer Frog from Lapeer was approved to refresh the PC's.

Bids were also sent out for the Sexton, Grounds Maintenance, Snow Removal and Township office cleaning. Only a couple bids were received on most of these jobs.

Right Touch (our current Sexton) was approved, Grounds Maintenance – Joel Bicknell was approved, Snow Removal – Right Touch was approved. A discussion also occurred for landscape in front of building. This will be tabled for later in the spring to hopefully get some landscape companies to give a bid.

D’Arcy asked if the board knew that the Township has a website up and running now? He would like the Planning Commission to do some work to put some of their stuff in there.

D’Arcy also wanted to mention specifically about Medical Marijuana.

PUBLIC TIME

Nothing was shared at this time.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED by Lashbrook to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Teresa M. Gormley
Recording Secretary

Richard McClelland
Secretary