

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 21, 2023

A regular meeting of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan, immediately following a Public Hearing. Chairperson Poniatowski opened the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Poniatowski, Woloszyk, Howe, Arnold, McClelland and Pugh. Absent: Lalone. Others present: Please see sign in sheet, Recording Secretary, Teresa Gormley.

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

MOVED BY McClelland, SECONDED BY Howe, to ACCEPT the minutes of the February 21, 2023 regular meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Poniatowski opened the meeting by stating that Township Attorney Mike Gildner said that shipping containers is an accessory structure. Any structure greater than 600' needs footings.

McClelland inquired about the size of a typical sipping container. Sarah Stepaniak, a resident in attendance from the prior Public Hearing, stated that the average unit is about 40x8x9. (Stepaniak has an interest in putting two shipping containers on her property to be used as a barn.)

Arnold – if they want it as a house, they must meet CCA requirements.

McClelland – a house would be two units with a hoop over.

Stepaniak stated that that would be correct. Stepaniak also added that hoop roofing structure allows shifting, more like an accessory structure. Houses would use trusses which do not allow shifting, but would be inspected and permitted by CCA.

Poniatowski wondered if the Board wanted to add shipping containers under Accessory building definition? After a small discussion, Poniatowski will talk with Supervisor Lashbrook to see what needs to be done to the ordinance to add storage units under Accessory Buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss at this time.

## REPORTS

TOWNSHIP BOARD – Howe reported the following:

- Road side mowing was approved for two passes at about \$3,076.00 each pass by the Road Commission;
- 50/50 Agreement so we get a percentage from the Road Commission to do certain projects, such as ditching, roadside mowing, some brining at \$13,536, for two brines \$27,072 with an option for a 3<sup>rd</sup> brining;
- Allocation for the Road Project Agreement cost is \$40,608.00. The Township costs were blank to see what we will need to cover. Not going to address until we need it;
- Baseball Diamonds. The ball team wanted to use it but the fence didn't work for older kids. The Township Board wants it to be used. They approved to put additional money into it, i.e., fencing and fixing up dugouts, plus additional for backstop. Quote is \$2,500.00 but Board approved \$13,150.00 as the bill was more because they forgot to add in \$1,200.00 for more fencing. The Board then decided not to extend the backstop to offset that overage;
- Approved laptop for Treasurer Skovran to use to work offsite due to upcoming surgery in the amount of \$624.00;
- Board accepted bids for addition onto the fire hall to add one bay in an effort to bring all equipment to one central location. Received only one bid for \$791,000.00. The Board felt this was too high.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – McClelland stated there was no update to give.

PUBLIC TIME – opened at 8:18PM

Sarah Stepaniak, 2608 N. Lake Pleasant Road, inquired about the Accessory Building definition.

Public time closed at 8:26 p.m. by Poniatowski

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm.

Submitted by:

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Teresa Gormley  
Recording Secretary

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Richard McClelland  
Secretary