

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2023

A Regular of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan. Chairperson Poniatowski opened the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Poniatowski, Woloszyk, Howe, Arnold, Pugh and Lalone. Absent: McClelland. Others present: None and Recording Secretary, Julie Dockham.

MOVED BY Howe SECONDED BY Woloszyk to approve the agenda as presented with additions made by Poniatowski to add Resignation and Vice Chair to New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY Howe, SECONDED BY Arnold to ACCEPT the minutes of the March 21,2023 Public Hearing as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Howe to ACCEPT the minutes of the March 21,2023 Regular Hearing with minor correction. MOTION CARRIED.

Poniatowski opened and closed Public Time at 7:34p.m. No public present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Gravel Pit/Mining Ordinance – Poniatowski started the conversation that she has Mr James Louwaerts site plans on setting up a mining operation on Curtis Rd. A public hearing is scheduled in June on the mining operation.

Woloszyk asked what Mr Louwaert plans to do. Poniatowski responded that he wants to mine pea gravel, 1A, sand, etc., from his 50-acre property.

The Poly Ann Trail runs through his property. His site plans show that his gravel pit would be about 75ft from the trail. It is believed that he needs to be 200 ft from the trail.

RESIGNATION

Poniatowski announced the resignation of Vice Chairman Ken Lalone. Ken has accepted a job up north and is moving to Gaylord effective immediately. This will be his last Planning Commission Meeting.

VICE CHAIR

Poniatowski announced that the Vice Chairman position is now open due to Lalone's resignation.

MOTION BY Lalone, SUPPORTED BY Howe to appoint Arnold as Vice Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

TOWNSHIP BOARD – No report, however, Howe gave a brief update from the 5/15 board meeting. Raises were given to all township employees, including the Fire Department members.

The baseball team emailed the township about paint and chalk and the yellow topper for the fence. The baseball team would need to be responsible for purchasing their own paint and chalk.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – No meetings to report.

Public Time Opened at 7:51PM.

Poniatowski announced the retirement of township secretary Teresa Gormley. Several board members expressed their sadness with hearing this and mentioned how she will be greatly missed here.

Poniatowski also announced the resignation of Deputy Don Poniatowski from the township. He will be working as a resource officer at Lapeer Ed-Tech Center. The township is working with the Sheriff's department for a replacement. Approval was made to change the deputy hours from an 8-hour shift to a 10-hour shift as that is preferred by the Sheriff's department.

Public Time Closed at 7:53p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:30p.m.

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Woloszyk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Teresa M. Gormley
Recording Secretary

Richard McClelland
Secretary