

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Arcadia Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan.

Chairperson Katie Poniatowski called the meeting to order at: 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Howe, Arnold, Pugh, Woloszyck, Silva, McClelland, and Poniatowski.

Absent: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Julie Dockham, Recording Secretary; Michael Gildner, Arcadia Twp Legal Counsel, Jim Louwaert, and the public. See meeting sign in sheet for other attendees.

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

MOVED BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Howe to ACCEPT the minutes with amendments noted from the August 1, 2023, Special Meeting as presented. (See Minutes Sheet) MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Jim Louwaert 4673 Curtis Rd, Attica, MI 48412 Mining Operation

Board member Silva excused himself from the board to abstain from voting on the proposed mining operation to avoid any conflict of interest.

Gildner started the meeting with the rules for ordinances and what the Planning Commission can and cannot approve and explained to the board members the options they have to vote on the proposed mining operation. He also explained to the public in attendance that this was not a question-and-answer session between them and the board members.

Chairperson Poniatowski asked Mr. Louwaert if he had anything new that he wanted to mention, he declined.

Chairperson Poniatowski made a recommendation to move Public Time ahead in the meeting agenda with the consensus from the board.

PUBLIC TIME Opened at 7:38p.m.

Linda Deming – 5380 Stanton Lake Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Don Wood – 4586 Loggers Pass. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Janis Morgan – 4701 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

John Severin – 4612 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Tom Fallon – 4536 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Bob Craik – 5058 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Patrick Betcher – 3610 Lake Pleasant Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Zachary Severin – 3652 Lake Pleasant Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

John Beaufray – 5068 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Mark Osentoski – 5062 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Fred Pinneo – 5066 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Holly Wheaton – 4533 Lake Pleasant Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Mary – Slattery Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Kris Kucharski – 3610 Curtis Rd. Does not agree with proposed mining operation.

Public Time was closed at 8:10p.m.

Chairperson Poniatowski presented to the board members the list of conditional approval items if they voted to approve the mining operation.

Additional proposed items to add to the current Conditional Approval list was discussed by several of the board members:

- Two (2) extra grading & brining done each year, - we can request more to brine roads.
- Environmental Approval – this will be up to EGLE to approve or disapprove.
- Driveway Approval & Maintenance – Mr. Louwaert will need to obtain approval from the Road Commission.
- Safeguarding & Signage – Additional signage on Curtis and Lake Pleasant Rds. to add ‘No Parking’ signs.
- The Hours of Operation was discussed, and the following was proposed but no approval or disapproval was given by the board:
 - Hours of Operation – 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. M-F from June thru August and 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. M-F from September thru May
- Special Land Use – M. Gildner mentioned that the Township cannot impose this on Mr. Louwaert (refer to #9 Special Land Use)

Chairperson Poniatowski read off additional conditions that should be met and followed if approval is granted. (See Conditional Approval documents). The conditions that should be noted included bulleted items #3, Fencing, through the last bulleted item on the first page of this document.

A MOTION BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Howe to DENY the Special Land Use since it does not meet the standards of section 1603.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Howe, Nay, Woloszyk, Aye, Pugh, Nay, McClelland, Aye, Arnold, Aye, Poniatowski, Nay

Abstained: Silva

Yes (3) No (3) Abstained (1) Absent (0) MOTION FAILED

A MOTION BY Pugh, SECONDED BY Howe to postpone final approval to obtain more details to be discussed at the September 19, 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting at 7: 30p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Howe, Aye, Woloszyk, Aye, Pugh, Aye, McClelland, Aye, Arnold, Aye, Poniatowski, Aye

Abstained: Silva

Yes (6) No (0) Abstained (1) Absent (0) MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY Arnold, SECONDED BY Howe, to adjourn meeting at 8:48 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Julie Dockham
Recording Secretary

Rich McClelland
Secretary