

Sidney Township Planning Commission
Sidney Township Hall
Regular Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
June 6th, 2023 7pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

ROLL CALL: Wheat, Leyrer, Merritt, Cooper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Leyrer, supported by Merritt. Agenda approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From March 7th, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Leyrer, supported by Cooper. March meeting minutes approved.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: none

ZONING BORAD OF APPEALS REPORT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

a: Bylaws: Are now in electronic form and were sent on. Merritt pointed out that parts of them need to be updated. Decided to table until the December meeting to give everyone a chance to look over for recommended changes.

b: Master Plans (electronic and print versions): It will cost 15 cents per page and will be done.

c: Dickerson Creek Drain Ordinance: Decided to table until we get a new chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lodholtz resignation: Lodholtz submitted his resignation back in March. The board voted at their June meeting to accept it. Members of the board and Planning Commission will be interviewed by MIOSHA on June 13th. The board has 3 candidates to interview for the open position. Had a discussion whether the new member would be automatically Chair, or if a current Planning member would become Chair. Briefly consulted the By-laws and it doesn't appear to state how it should be done.
- b. Changes to the Sewer District: Leyrer reported that all parcels in the sewer district should be zoned the same. We need to make a list of parcels that need to be changed to Waterfront Residential, Parcel owners need to be notified and we need to hold a public hearing. Cooper made a motion to proceed with it and hold a public hearing in December. Merritt supported the motion. Leyrer did not vote due to conflict of interest due to owning a parcel that would need to be changed. Motion approved. Merritt will compile the list of parcels by the end of June.

- c. Number of Dwellings in Short Term Rental (STR) Lake areas: The board is still working on the STR Ordinance. Leyrer reported that the board requests that we determine how many dwellings there are on each lake in the township with on the lake or with waterfront access. Leyrer will work on Derby and Nevins. Merritt will work on Dickerson and Rosa. Had a discussion whether Pearl Lake would need to be included as it and all its parcels are in the Village of Sheridan as well as Sidney Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Those in attendance participated in the discussion about short-term rentals.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Cooper, supported by Merritt. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 5th, 2023 at 7:00pm