

**LILLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**  
**UNAPPROVED**

The October 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting of the Lilley Township Planning Commission, held at the Multi-Purpose Building, was called to order by Chairman Cindy Israels at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Invocation by Robert Doornbos.

The roll was called with the following members present: Robert Doornbos, Chris Moore, Judith Hoving, Cindy Israels. Absent Anna Bonnett

**Approval of Minutes** from April 21st, 2022. Motion made to approve by Chris Moore and seconded by Bob Doornbos. All in favor – Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comments:** Christian Burns commented that he was here to support Greg Hetrick and the chickens.

**New Business:**

Greg Hetrick spoke in support of the value of birds. Marissa (Hetrick) came prepared with a presentation regarding the chicken's environment, housing, feed, sanitation and degree to which they are loved. It was a very nice presentation explaining the many benefits of keeping chickens.

Through discussion we found that the Hetricks had approached the Zoning Administrator several times over the past years about obtaining chickens and were told that it violated the Zoning Ordinance for the zoning district they are in. It seems however, that according to the prepared presentation, that the family got the chickens anyway and have had them for two or more years. Today they have chickens, roosters, ducks and a goose. Unfortunately they are on a  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre lot which is zoned MDR, which is the main issue and subject of complaints. Zoning administrator sent a violation notice which expires in two days. After much discussion the Commission reached consensus to revisit this matter at the January 2023 meeting with agreement from the Zoning Administrator to extend the time the Hetrick family has to remove the livestock or find a more suitable property. The three-month extension will be reviewed monthly until compliance with Zoning Ordinance 3.21. If a total of six months is reached without compliance, zoning violations will be filed with the Magistrate of Newaygo County.

Motion was made by Judith Hoving and seconded by Chris Moore to grant an extension of three months to comply with removal of chickens from the property with a report on progress to be given at our January 2023 meeting with an extension for another three months, not to exceed six months total. Roll call: Robert Doornbos Yes, Cindy Israels Yes, Judith Hoving Yes, Chris Moore Yes  
All in favor – Motion carried

**New Business (continued)**

Tim Epplett and April Rice

Concerning the property, parcel 1 and 2, on the corner of NKT Drive and Beaver Road. The violation is in reference to Zoning Ordinance 3.17 (4). At this point we tabled this case until the January 2023 meeting because Zoning Administrator is actively working with these folks on compliance or possible exceptions under ADA.

The guidance provided by Madalyn Wroblewski, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer, regarding zoning regulations was greatly appreciated.

**Old Business – Master Plan Adoption by Resolution**

Chairman Cindy Israels presented Resolution 2022-7 Year 2022. The document would approve adoption of the New Master Plan and signatures were required by the Planning Commission Members. When finalized the document will be presented to the Lilley Township Board for final approval.

Motion made by Chris Moore to adopt the Master Plan and seconded by Robert Doornbos.

Roll call: Robert Doornbos Yes, Cindy Israels Yes, Judith Hoving Yes, Chris Moore Yes

All in favor – Motion Carried

There being no further business to be discussed, , Motion was made by Robert Doornbos and seconded by Chris Moore to adjourn.

All in favor – Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judith C. Hoving*

Planning Commission Secretary