

# LILLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

UNAPPROVED

The January 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Lilley Township Planning Commission, held at the Multi-Purpose Building, was called to order by Chairman Israels at 7:00 P.M. our new starting time for the year.

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

The roll was called with the following members present: Moore, Doornbos, Israels, Bonnett, Hoving

**Annual Adoption of By-Laws:** Motion to adopt the By-Laws as written by Moore, Second by Doornbos  
Voice Vote: Moore Aye, Doornbos Aye, Israels Aye, Bonnett Aye, Hoving Aye – Motion Carried

**Election of Officers:** Motion to keep the Present Officers in place by Moore, Second by Bonnett  
Roll Call: Moore Yes, Doornbos Yes, Israels Yes, Bonnett Yes, Hoving Yes – Motion Carried

**Approval of Previous Months Minutes dated 11/9/2023:** Motion Made by Moore with the following **Corrections** to Page 1, Paragraph 1 updating numbers from 61 to 54 actual housing units on Pettibone Lake with 15 known STRs. Updating page 5, paragraph 1 stating that 6% of the 54 housing units on Pettibone Lake would be 3.24. We are recommending 4 in the Zoning Ordinance as fair. Opposing Counsel mentioned other Townships use the 6% figure. Motion to approve Seconded by Doornbos:  
Roll Call: Moore Yes, Doornbos Yes, Israels Yes, Bonnett Yes, Hoving Yes – Motion Carried

**Approval of Tonight's Agenda:** Motion by Doornbos to approval the Agenda, Second by Moore  
All in Favor – Motion Carried

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:** The keeping of animals especially chickens. A packet of information was given to Commission Members from various sources regarding this issue in addition to what we have already collected and discussed at previous meetings. We are to research the GAAMPS act as well as the MSU study and how it could affect decisions. Also included was an Ordinance from Burton Michigan. Proposal to table this issue for further study for our Township citizens. Much discussion and many opinions were discussed and further study was suggested before we make final recommendations to change our Zoning Ordinance.

Motion by Moore, Second by Hoving to table the issue of the keeping of Chickens to our April Meeting  
Roll Call: Doornbos yes, Moore Yes, Israels Yes, Bonnett Yes, Hoving Yes – Motion Carried

**New Business:** Special Event Applications from the **Bitely Firefighters Assn.** to hold a Cornhole Tournament at the Fire Station on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 1 PM as a Fundraiser for Community Events and the **Bitely Boys** Event List for 2024 including Spring Putt Putt, Blessing Weekend, Christmas Bike Run, Fall Putt Putt and a Rib Cookoff. All necessary permits and site plans will be submitted prior to the events. Security by the Bitely Boys. Any event proceeds go to Community Support. Motion to approve both Special Event Applications by Moore, Second by Bonnett  
Roll Call: Moore Yes, Doornbos Yes, Israels Yes, Bonnett Yes, Hoving Yes – Motion Carried

Chairperson Israels distributed to Commission Members, to be seen for the first time, The **Lilley Township - Draft proposed non-zoning – STR - Licensing** Documents received from our Legal Counsel. This consists of a proposed non-zoning, licensing, police power or regulatory ordinance for Short Term Rentals. This is an early draft only and requires close study by each member and discussion at future meetings prior to any adoption. This issue after much study will probably be discussed at our April regular meeting.

Next Month on **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 a Public Hearing** will be held for a re-application for the previously approved cell tower for the use of AT&T cell service. There was much discussion among the Commission Members regarding Tower Positioning and why additional towers are necessary. Questions were asked and opinions given on the necessity for more towers and the safety of our residents and visitors and possible harm from towers,

Israels asked members to try to find ways to spread the word to local residents about what we are doing in the Township. Some use Social media, others do not. It was suggested to spread the word that all of the information regarding Township Government can be found on our Website **[lilleytownship.org](http://lilleytownship.org)** including Board & Commission Minutes and schedules as well as a list of names and numbers of Township Officials and upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn by Doornbos, second by Moore - Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith C. Hoving".

Recording Secretary