

**Minutes from the
Almira Township Planning Commission Meeting**

September 6, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairperson Ratajczak called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Almira Townhall in the Village of Lake Ann.

Members Present: Vince Edwards, Duane Newman, Ryan Ratajczak, Lori Florip, Kurt Swartz

Members Absent: Bill Ballard, Melisa Martin

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda: *Motion by Swartz*, supported by Edwards, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes, motion passed. Ballard and Martin absent.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Swartz*, supported by Edwards, to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2022, as presented. All ayes, motion passed. Ballard and Martin absent.

Brief Public Comment: None

Zoning Administrator: Z/A Williams submitted a written report and answered questions regarding his written report.

Township Board Representative: Township Board member Florip reported that Township Board held a special meeting and approved hiring a new assessor.

Zoning Board of Appeals Representative: No report.

Intergovernmental Representative: Lake Ann Village Council Member Edwards, stated that the Village is still looking for council members. Brief discussion of options to get this need out to the public took place.

Conflict(s) of Interest: None

Guests: John and Cathy Groneck

Old Business:

- A. Master Plan Review – Status Report Update:** Mathew Cooke, from Networks Northwest, gave an update of the Master Plan time line. He requested that the Planning Commission members proof the update packet he provided to them. He asked the Planning Commissioners if they thought a higher density area should be included in the future land use map and Master Plan. Discussion took place and the consensus was to not add a higher density area(s) at this time. Mathew and the Commissioners reviewed the proposed land use map. Mathew will update the proposed land use map and get copies to the Commissioners. Mathew would like the sub-committee to meet at least one more time before the regular October, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

New Business:

A. Future Land Use – Matt Therrien: Matt Therrien gave information packet to each Planning Commissioner present and discussed that the thirty-two (32) acres was now owned by one property owner and he would like it to be all zoned commercial. Discussion took place and it was noted that the area he was proposing to be zoned commercial is already on the proposed future use map to be commercial.

Extended Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments: None

Chair Comments: Chairperson Ratajczak thanked the Master Plan sub-committee for all their work and doing a great job on it.

Adjourn: Chairperson Ratajczak adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Mary Dort, Recording Secretary