

CLYDE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jan 9, 2024

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mike McGriff

Roll Call:

Present: Mike McGriff-Chair; John Dennis-Vice Chair; Colleen Skrypkun-Recording Secretary; Leigh Grimes; Doug Voight-Board Rep

Absent: Nick Weaver-excused; Stephen Sullivan

Attorney Presentation to Planning Commission: T. Allen Francis, Attorney, addressed the Planning Commission. See Attached Memo.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Agenda: Address New Business prior to Old Business. Motion to approve-Leigh G.; Seconded-John D. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from Nov. 14, 2023: Recording Secretary, Colleen S. requested permission to revise Minutes from Nov. 14, 2023 based on comments made by the Attorney.

Approval of Minutes from Dec. 12, 2023: Recording Secretary, Colleen S. requested permission to revise Minutes from Dec. 12, 2023 based on comments made by Attorney.

Public Comment: Chris Barto, 4607 Metcalf Rd., expressed concern regarding the impact of a large scale solar project on the environment.

Jill Barto, 4607 Metcalf Rd., expressed concern regarding the impact of a large scale solar project on property values and on the environment.

Zoning Admin Report: None

Report from Ad Hoc Committees: None

Report from Ordinance Officer: The Ordinance Officer requests a Moratorium on ticketing/fining Residents specifically regarding the keeping of chickens in order to adequately research concerns. The Ordinance Officer will be asking the Planning Commission to review this Ordinance in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS: Resident, Steve Hyde, presented a Lake/Lagoon Permit request. Mr. Hyde provided a Certificate of Survey and a Preliminary Site Plan. Colleen S. made a motion to recommend the Township Board approve the request which was seconded by Leigh G. Motion was carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ranger Power Special Use Permit: The application submitted by Ranger Power is complete. The next step is to schedule a Public Hearing which requires a 15 day notice to the Public which the Township Clerk will post in the Times Herald, on the Clyde Township website and on the sign in front of the Clyde Township Hall. Neighboring Properties will be notified directly via mail.

Various dates for a Public Hearing were proposed. Leigh G. made a motion to contact Ranger Power to schedule a Public Hearing on either February 21<sup>st</sup> or February 22<sup>nd</sup> dependent on the availability of the Convention Center. John D. seconded. Motion carried.

Master Plan: Move to February PC Meeting

Ordinance Review: Move to February. 2024 meeting

### Announcements & Correspondence:

Neil Erickson is the new Building Inspector for Clyde Township.

Elections-A Presidential Primary is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>

Twp. Supervisor, Ernie Manoleas, provided a MSU Extension Document titled "Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems: A Guide for Michigan Local Governments" which has been utilized in Master Planner Seminars, as a training opportunity for Planning Commission Members for 1 hr. of Continuing Education Credit (CEU)

Second Public Comment: None

News & Views: A physical Newsletter is to go out to Clyde Township Residents at least twice per year. The Planning Commission would like the next News Letter to include information regarding the upcoming Public Hearing related to the Special Condition Land Use Permit for Large Scale Industrial Solar. Residents in attendance volunteered to assist with stuffing envelopes for mailing.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Skrypkun