

Riley Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date: October 16th, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

Open:

- Called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Doug Pratt, Brad Schuster, Duane Hagle, Dave Rushing, Jerry Fillion, Kimberly Budnick, David Bergen

Staff Present: Zoning Administer Jim Golembiewski

Agenda: Changes: None presented

- *Motion to accept agenda as presented made by Rushing, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion approved.*

Regular Meeting Minutes for September 18st, 2023: Corrections: none presented

- *Motion to accept minutes as presented made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster. All in favor, motion approved.*

Comments from the Public on Agenda Items: None

Public Hearing: None

Guest Speaker: Commissioner Rushing will request requirement for township approval before hazardous waste from solar installations can be put into county landfill. Responded to question about the stench from landfill, due to the heavy rainfall the landfill produces more methane gas than can be burned off. County is looking into additional burners.

Trustee Report: Board tabled any action on International Property Maintenance Code 2018 for now, tabled action on snow removal bids till next meeting, awarded a two-year lease on township's farmland, and Special Assessment Hearing will be held on November 14th at the Township Hall regarding trash pick-up.

Parks & Recreation Report: Fall Festival and Car show was successful. Memorial benches, trees and rubber mulching were discussed. Walking path has been delayed until Spring 2024

Zoning Board of Appeals Report: No meeting held.

New Business: None

Old Business:

- A. **Master Plan:** Metro Planning will review Riley's Master Plan after the first of the year.
- B. **Pond Ordinance Review:** Changes were made to clarify residence as occupied by property owner. Question raised whether pond permit could be given after foundation inspection of a building permit

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so dirt could be used for back fill. Consensus that any variance could go before the ZBA but ordinance should stand as needing a CO and occupancy before permit issued.

- *Motion to schedule a public hearing for Zoning Ordinance 33, Article IX, Section 919 Ponds to be held at township hall on November 20, 2023 at 7 pm made by Fillion, seconded by Budnick. All in favor, motion carried:*

Communications Received: None

Comments from the Public: None

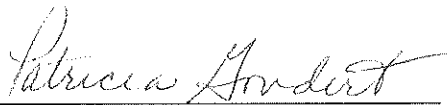
Comments from Planning Commission Members Not Addressed: Concern over battery storage installations was raised. May need to consider adding amendment to solar ordinance. Trustee Hagle was asked if township could hold another tire recycle event, he advised against it.

Next Regular Meeting: November 20th, 2023 at 7pm at Riley Township Hall, 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, MI 48041

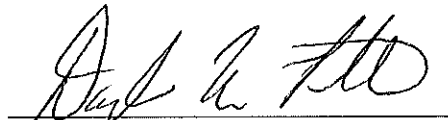
Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn made by Rushing, seconded by Schuster at 7:44 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.*

Respectfully submitted by,



Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk



Doug Pratt, Chairperson