

**Barry County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Clyde Morgan, in the Community Room of the Tyden Center located at 121 South Church Street in Hastings. The Planning Commission members in attendance included: Morgan, John LaForge, Robert Vanderboegh, Dave Hatfield and Jack Nadwornick. Jack Miner and Joyce Snow were absent. Those also in attendance included: Jacob Cole, Jim McManus and other interested people.

The agenda was reviewed by the Planning Commission. McManus noted there were a few changes. He asked to change the site address for the site plan review to 7455 Woodland Rd. He also asked to strike the Annual Report as the building permit information was not completed yet. Finally McManus noted he would be distributing the draft Master Plan to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Nadwornick to approve the agenda as amended. Support by Hatfield. All ayes – motion carried.

The minutes of 11/28/2022 were reviewed by the Planning Commission. Motion by LaForge to approve the minutes. Support by Vanderboegh. All ayes - motion carried.

SITE PLAN REVIEW

PR-1-2023

**Jacob Cole (Applicant)
Faith Bible Baptist Church
(Property Owner)**

Jacob Cole noted that the church wants to add 4 classrooms on the west side of the building which will serve 20 – 30 new students.

Amy Lavery noted churches and schools are allowed as special use permits so the Site Plan Review is required. She said setbacks are not an issue.

Vanderboegh asked what grades the school serves.
Cole said K – 12.

Vanderboegh asked what grade the new addition would be for. Cole said two rooms were for the high school students and two rooms would be for elementary students.

Nadwornick asked if any new mechanical infrastructure was required. Cole said no.

Snow entered the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Motion by LaForge to approve PR-1-2023 as submitted. Support by Vanderboegh. Roll call vote taken. 6 ayes – 0 nays. Motion carried. Site Plan approved.

McManus noted that two townships sent Master Plan Notices to the Planning Commission. He said Gaines Township's notice is for an update to the plan, and there is a link to the plan to review it. He noted Gaines Township only touches the NW corner of the Barry County so any major change will likely not affect our county. He noted Hope Township sent a notice of intent.

McManus distributed the Draft Master Plan to the Planning Commission and noted they need to review it for the February meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Heslinga asked about public review of the Master Plan. McManus noted that would come later. Heslinga asked if there was any update for the gravel pit on Miller Rd. McManus noted nothing has been submitted yet.

Motion by Vanderboegh to adjourn. Support by Hatfield. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jack Nadwornick