



Calhoun County Planning Commission Minutes
January 24, 2022 @ 4:00PM
315 W. Green Street, Marshall, MI 49068
Garden Level Conference Room

- 1. The January 24, 2021 County Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Chairperson Terance Lunger.**
- 2. Roll Call - called by Jen Bomba**
Members present: Sarah Kelly, Ben Lark, Dan Livingston, Terance Lunger, Jen Rice, John Sackrider.
Members excused: Brian Kernstock, Kelli Scott, Commissioner Rochelle Hatcher.
Staff in attendance: Jennifer Bomba, Community Development Director; Brittany Stein, Zoning Coordinator.
Public in attendance: None
Quorum was met.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Member Sackrider to approve the January 24, 2022, Calhoun County Planning Commission agenda, as presented, supported by Member Rice.
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.
- 4. Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair: *Moved by Member Sackrider to elect Terance Lunger as chair, supported by Member Livingston.*
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.
 - b. Vice-Chair: *Moved by Member Lunger to elect John Sackrider as vice-chair, supported by Member Lark.*
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.
 - c. Secretary: *Moved by Member Livingston to elect Ben Lark as Secretary, supported by Member Sackrider.*
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.
- 5. Public Comments**
There were none.
- 6. Approval of Minutes**
Moved by Member Sackrider to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, supported by Member Rice.
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.
- 7. Communication**
Ms. Bomba shared the following incoming Communications with members:
 - Burlington Township, Notice of Intent to Conduct Master Planning, December 23, 2021

8. Old Business

a. Any Old Business to come before the Commission
There was none.

9. New Business

a. 2021 Annual Report – Brittany Stein presented the Annual Report to the Commission. Members had brief discussion about the report and membership. There were no questions from the members.
Moved by Member Sackrider to recommend approval of the 2021 Annual Report as presented; supported by Member Livingston.
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. Township Planning & Zoning Coordination

a. **01-22-01, Clarence Township; Zoning Text Amendment re: Home Occupations**
Staff presented zoning text amendment regarding the Home Occupations section of the Clarence Township Zoning Ordinance.
Commissioner Livingston questioned the reasoning behind the change. Ms. Bomba suggested that the change may be due to the increase in telecommuting during the pandemic and this language would better define the differences.
Moved by Member Sackrider to recommend approval of zoning text amendments regarding home occupations as presented; supported by Member Rice.
On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

11. Township Planning & Zoning Coordination Follow-up

CCPC #	Township	Twp. Planning Commission Recommendation	CCPC Action	Twp. Board Action
10.21.01	Bedford Charter Twp.	Zoning Text Amendment – Recreational Marihuana Facilities and Establishments	Approved	Approved

12. Department Report

Ms. Stein discussed the progress with reviewing and amending the Planning Commission Bylaws. A revised document is expected to be reviewed and adopted by the Planning Commission at the next regular meeting.

Ms. Stein announced work under contract with Pennfield Charter Township is going well. She announced that Pennfield Township Board will be selecting Beckett & Raeder as a consulting firm at their next meeting to begin working on review and re-write of the Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Stein presented a Planning & Zoning training events brochure released by Michigan Association of Planning. She promoted attendance to these events by anyone interested and recommended sharing with local municipal officials.

Ms. Stein shared with the Commissioners that the City of Albion is holding a stakeholder engagement session next Wednesday February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Ludington Center in Albion. The City has recently kicked off their major update to their Master Plan. Attendance by Commissioners, local officials, and other interested stakeholders is encouraged.

Ms. Stein announced to the Commissioners they shall expect a review and update of the County Master Plan to begin near the end of 2022.

Ms. Bomba reported an update on various planning projects that the Community Development staff are leading.

Ms. Bomba shared an update to the developments of solar power throughout the County.

13. Member Comments

Commissioner Sackrider noted that he hopes township officials take advantage of upcoming planning and zoning training events.

Discussion was held regarding solar developments throughout the County. Member Livingston mentioned an article that recently referenced the State Tax Commission and how it relates to this type of land use. The article speculated that these developments may be required to be taxed as commercial and not agricultural.

14. Public Comments

There were none.

15. Announcements:

Chair Lunger stated the next Calhoun County Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:28PM.