

Bainbridge Township Planning Commission Meeting
February 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Greg Grear at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road, Watervliet, Michigan 49098

Roll Call, Members Present: G. Grear, D. Kreitner, J. Doroh, R. Bjes, D. Baiers, M. Morlock

Member Absent: C. Lasatta

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minuets of the January 20, 2020. It was noted by Secretary Kreitner a copy of the minutes was missing from the mailing. They had been submitted and he had reviewed the minutes and approved them via e mail however they were to be presented tonight for signature. There were no copies immediately available. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Review of the Agenda: Approved as presented

Election of Officers: General Discussion and review of the need to once again hold a Nomination of Officers. Chairman G. Grear had questioned if he could be elected when he was not present at the prior meeting. It was determined by those present that he was dually elected at the last meeting. He has indicated since that meeting, it is his intention to step down from the Bainbridge Township Planning Commission at the end of his appointed term which is to expire later this year. He agreed to continue serving as Chairman until the end of his term. There continued to be a discussion of the need to search for an additional members to possibly serve as an alternate member or to be ready to step in to be appointed to the Planning Commission at the end of Chairman Grear's term. In addition C. Lasatta's home is listed for sale which could result in an additional vacancy. No further action was taken there for allowing the officers elected at the January 20, 2020 meeting to serve as elected.

Reports: D. Biers had no information from the Township Board.

Zoning Administrator Ross Rogan reported he had attended a meeting and was taking part in Certification Training for Zoning Administration. He reported on the things that had been stressed including the need for a review of Applications and the need to insure proper recording of proceedings in which the use of a Recording Secretary is recommended. He cited the importance of summary statements and documentation of all requests for actions such as zoning change, and special land use. He did indicate that Bainbridge Township appeared to be stronger than most attendees in these areas.

There was General Discussion of need to amend the Master Plan once the information from the current Census Data is available. It was discussed the potential need for a designation of the potential for consideration of the intent to consider Commercial


Development within the M-140 Highway. There was discussion of a potential Napier Avenue Corridor was not as critical as previously considered due to the final plan to connect the 131 freeway to Interstate 94. There was also discussion involving the potential to bring in outside assistance to assist in the review of The Bainbridge Township Master Plan. It was pointed out The Planning Commission had conducted the last two required reviews. It is possible we may not be as current with our plan as possible as there are many potential changes such as consideration of the potential of growing Hemp or Medical Marijuana once new guidelines are approved.

There was further General Discussion that our present meeting schedule calls for monthly meetings. It is required we hold four meetings per year. It may be possible to avoid the cost of a meeting if there is nothing requiring Planning Commission Action. It was generally felt the Chairman had the ability to review and to remove a monthly meeting based upon need.

There was no further action required regarding the General Discussions.

It was moved by Chairman G. Gear to adjourn, seconded by R. Bjes : Approved by Voice Vote at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale E. Kreitner", written over a horizontal line.

Dale E. Kreitner
Secretary