

**APPROVED
EMPIRE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 2023

The Empire Township Planning Commission held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2023. The meeting was held at the Empire Township Offices.

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Shugart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dale DeJager, Duane Shugart, Micah Deegan, Larry Krawczak, Dick Figura

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dana Boomer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The PC briefly discussed the agenda. **Motion by Krawczak, second by Deegan to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Master Plan Review** – The PC discussed the written comments received from Mr. Brady (see attached to May regular meeting minutes), and briefly discussed at the May regular meeting. The discussion covered the 13 pages of comments in depth. The first portion, regarding the timeline, had already been discussed at the May regular meeting, and no further discussion was held.

The PC is not interested in a substantial reorganization of the Master Plan at this time. There have already been substantial changes to the organization, and the PC is satisfied with the current arrangement. It is possible that a similar restructuring may be considered in the next Master Plan review. Many of the comments made by Mr. Brady will be addressed with upcoming changes to the Zoning Ordinance, which will begin after the Master Plan is finalized.

Some changes were made to the draft Master Plan, including changes to grammar and minor wording changes. In addition, Boomer will work to add a brief introduction to page 1 discussing the relationship between the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

The PC determined that Boomer would make these changes to the draft Master Plan and forward the plan to the PC for final review. The PC will continue the discussion at the June regular meeting. If no further changes are made at that time, the PC will plan to approve the distribution of the plan for the 42 day review period, as well as setting a second public hearing for the September regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pleasure of the Board – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Krawczak to adjourn at 8:09 pm. With no objection, Shugart adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Boomer
Recording Secretary