

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 11, 2023 – REGULAR MEETING

The Charter Township of Portsmouth Planning Commission held their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, in the Township Hall at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

Chairman Pett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Gies, Meagher, Brandt, B. Pett, Krzysiak, VanDriessche and P.Pett. Also present: Zoning Administrator J. DeWyse, Building Inspector K. DeWyse and secretary Bukowski.

Motion by Meagher and supported by Krzysiak to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Krzysiak and supported by Gies to approve the 3-9-2023 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Adam Weiler on Jones Road had a question regarding a zoning change on property he is interested in on M-15.

Steve Jacob at 445 German Rd. questioned the 14ft side wall variance requirement for a pole building he wants to build.

Gordon McIntosh at 1835 Bullock Rd. had a question about a second storage building on his 7.7 acre parcel.

Supervisor Pawlak spoke about updates on the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. It was decided that since the Master Plan drives the Zoning Ordinance we should go forward with that update first. Each update is expected to take 10 to 12 months.

The Township Attorney is working on the rooster violation on Claude Dr. We now have a multiple dog violation in the same neighborhood.

Our building Inspector and Zoning Administrator have been put in an awkward position trying to do the right thing according to our Ordinance due to a blind eye being given on a number of issues regarding several issues.

Building permits were reviewed by K. DeWyse (attached).

Zoning communications were reviewed by J. DeWyse (attached).

NEW BUSINESS:

A Residential Accessory Buildings Conditions & Requirements template that is being used in Hampton Township was reviewed by J. DeWyse. If we do an amendment to our Zoning Ordinance to include these requirements it may solve some of our problems.

General concession of the Commission members was that if we are planning to do this zoning amendment we approve the request from Mr. Jacob for his building.

Motion by Meagher and supported by Gies that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Paul Pett, Chairman

Judy F. Bukowski, Secretary