

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

The Charter Township of Portsmouth Planning Commission held their regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the township hall at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

Chairman P. Pett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Gies, VanDriessche, Brandt, Meagher and P. Pett. Commissioners Krzysiak and B. Pett were excused.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Gies to approve the agenda. Motion carried

SPICER GROUP – MASTER PLAN – MIKE DALY-MARTIN:

Mike was here for the next phase of our Master Plan Update. This Section: Goals and Objectives was reviewed per the following items:

Planned Residential Development, Balanced Commercial Development,
Concentrated Industrial Development, Preservation of Agricultural Heritage,
Organized Transportation Network, Parks and Recreation Opportunities,
Natural Resources and Environment and Planning and Administrative Excellence.

Mike presented their proposed verbiage for each of the items and asked for input from the Commission regarding any changes they might want made. A few suggestions were made. Changes will be made and presented for approval at the next meeting scheduled for February 8th. All members were given a proposed time line with final plan being done by the end of August.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were called for and there were none.

MINUTES:

Motion by Brandt and supported by VanDriessche to approve the minutes of the 12-18-2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

BUILDING & ZONING REPORTS:

Building Inspector, Ken DeWyse, reviewed 5 building permits that were issued since the December meeting.

Zoning Administrator, Joe DeWyse, reviewed his report. We are waiting for communication from Mr. Woys' attorney regarding another walk through of his property. Most likely will be taking legal action on the Wellman and Vasquez properties on Finn Rd. A letter was sent by our attorney to Colton Hines on Finn Rd, and some progress is still being made at 1917 Cass Ave.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Site Plan for property on M-15 was submitted by Adam Weiler. Questions were raised regarding his entry easement off of 27th, fencing, paving, septic system, lighting and landscaping. All of these items are addressed in the Zoning Ordinance.

There were questions about what kind of vehicles would be accessing his business. The entry easement would not accommodate a fire truck or semi. Sanitary Sewer is not available in that area so a septic system would be necessary. Mr. Weiler is proposing a system with a holding tank instead of a field which would have to be approved by the Bay County Health Department. Mr. Weiler questioned the hard surface (paving) of his entry road and parking lot as opposed to gravel. Fencing, lighting and landscaping were also discussed.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Gies to table the discussion of the Site Plan until the February 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brandt and supported by Meagher to table a discussion of the rezoning on Youngsditch until the February 8, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Gies and supported by Brandt that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Paul Pett, Chairman

Judy F. Bukowski, Recording Secretary