

## Eagle Township Planning Commission

### **August 29, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 10:00AM at the Eagle Township Hall.

**Roll Call:** Richard Jones, Eric Sutherland, John Iszler, Michelle Hoppes, and Robin Currie (all present).

**Citizens:** Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Kathy Oberg, Dan Feldpausch, Mike Dyer, David Vanderbroek, Janine Dyer

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda:** Currie moves and Hoppes seconds to add Clinton County Planning Commission Request PC-33-23 SP Application for Site Plan Review to agenda. Voice vote - all in favor to adopt agenda as presented with addition above. Motion passes.

**No Correspondence.**

#### **New Business**

**Introductions:** All members of the Planning Commission introduced themselves. Township Attorney Chris Patterson introduced himself and colleague Kyle O’Meara.

**Ratify Rules of Procedure / Adopt Bylaws:** Currie moves to adopt the proposed Planning Commission Bylaws as presented by the Township Attorney with modifications to: (1) Add the word “be” before approved to Section 2(E); (2) amend the draft agenda in the Bylaws to add a public comment section on agenda items before correspondence, address old business before new business, and authorize public comment on all other items before general planning commission discussion; and (4) amend Section 4(D) to state “Chairperson” instead of “Chairman.” Second by Sutherland. Roll Call – Jones (Y), Currie (Y), Sutherland (Y), Hoppes (Y), and Iszler (Y). Motion passes. Township Attorneys will send the Township a revised copy of the Bylaws consistent with the amendments above.

**Chairperson:** Michelle Hoppes moves to nominate Robin Currie as Chairperson. Second Iszler. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion passes.

**Vice Chairperson:** Robin Currie moves to nominate Michelle Hoppes as Vice Chairperson. Second Sutherland. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion passes.

**Secretary:** Robin Currie moves to nominate Eric Sutherland as Secretary. Second Hoppes. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion passes.

**Two Board Motion – Plan for the creation, sustainability, and perpetuity for bringing zoning and ordinances to the local township level:** Discussion on Master Plan adoption and Township Board task for Planning Commission to present on how much it would cost to administer zoning in the Township and how it would be administered. Discussion on how County Master Plan can be used for Township Master Plan. Discussions on obtaining quotes for planners and/or drafting documents in-house.

Hoppes moves to authorize Currie to obtain names and proposals of various organizations that can assist the Planning Commission with adopting a master plan and potentially bringing zoning authority to the Township. Second Iszler. Roll call – Hoppes (Y), Jones (Y), Currie (Y), Iszler (Y), and Sutherland (Y). Motion passes.

Discussion on meeting dates. Motion by Sutherland to make regular meeting schedule as first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm every month. Second Hoppes. Voice vote – all in favor. Motion passes. Township Attorneys will provide resolution to adopt meeting schedule and notices to coordinate with Township.

Discussion on MTA and other trainings. Township Board members will share MTA materials with Planning Commission. Discussion of who would like to do citizen planner trainings (Sutherland, Iszler, Hoppes – and recorded MTA sessions). Motion by Currie to make request to have Sutherland, Iszler, Hoppes, and Currie to attend online citizen planner training at \$250.00 per person. Second Hoppes. Voice vote – all approved. Motion passes.

**PC-33-23 SP (Ground Solar Panel Array Site Plan before Clinton County):** Discussion on request. Heard public comment from members of the public with respect to when the County Planning Commission reviews proposed County zoning requests. Motion by Iszler to note to Township Board that there is public comment that the solar array appears to be in front of home and would like County Planning Commission to review. Support Currie. Roll call – Hoppes (Y), Jones (Y), Currie (Y), Iszler (Y), and Sutherland (Y). Motion passes.

**Public Comment:** Mike Dire – Would like to see draft agenda published before meetings and packets, wants Planning Commission to have e-mails, wants people to comment beginning of meeting, during agenda items, and at end of meeting. Does not want Giffels Webster as planning consultant. Dennis Straehle – Thanks Planning Commission. Want to discuss salary of Planning Commission. Patti Schaefer – Discussion of transmission line of ITC to be through area and Gratiot County. Paxton Countertops approved rezoning for light industrial 17 acres. Discussion of potential Paxton Countertops expansion.

**General Planning Commission Discussion:** Hoppes would like to see Giffels Webster report and survey information. Moved by Hoppes to request Township Board to obtain Giffels Webster full report including survey results from Eagle Township residents. Second by Currie. Roll call – Hoppes (Y), Jones (Y), Currie (Y), Iszler (Y), and Sutherland (Y). Motion passes.

Next meeting September 7, 2023 at 7PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jones to adjourn. Second by Currie. Voice vote – all approved. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Sutherland, PE

Secretary