



## **Van Buren County Planning Commission**

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**October 27, 2021**

**Van Buren County Planning Commission**

**Virtual**

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order & Attendance 6:30** *attended Stermer, Hemenway, Cedarquist, Gilmore, Petersen, Doroh abs. Martin, Rose, Radtke*

**Approve Agenda:** *Gilmore/Doroh motion to approve amended agenda unanimous*

**Approval Minutes of September 22, 2021:** *Doroh/Petersen unanimous*

**Public Comment:** *Carl Davis from Keeler Twp. Explained what they were rezoning for their new township hall building*

### **Reports:**

County Commissioner- *Doroh reported*

Southwestern Michigan Commission Representative (Only if meeting scheduled) *Doroh reported*

Local Visits - *Doroh- rounds Petersen VBCD Farm Preservation Board. Solid Waste management*

### **Unfinished Business:**

Covert Twp Zoning Amendment: *Revocation of Conditional Zoning- nothing new*

### **New Business:**

Almena Twp - M-43 Zoning Map Amendment C-1 to Ag *On a Cedarquist / Doroh motion to concur with Almena PC recommendation to not allow the rezoning from C1 to AG and to create an overlay district.*

*There was a lot of discussion on this topic as the VBCPC recognized the desire to comply with the Master Plan, but with the existing commercial and the effects of a rezoning on the existing businesses and land owners. We felt the overlay could allow the township to review proposals and protect sensitive areas while still allowing conforming business development.*

Almena Twp. - ZO Amendment- Civil Infraction *On a Gilmore / Doroh motion to concur with Almena PC to recommend these changes to Board.*

Antwerp Twp. - ZO Amendment Variance Standards *On a Cedarquist / Doroh motion to ask for more information from Antwerp PC on intent of these changes. Unanimous. There was discussion on the matter that this would reduce restrictions, and comply with the Enabling act, but some members weren't sure and asked for clarification. After receiving a response from Mr. Jirousek I believe they would be satisfied with the clarification given.*

Lawrence Twp - ZO Amendment Marijuana Overlay District amendment & Agribusiness overlay Map: *On a Doroh/Peteren motion to concur with Lawrence PC recommendation to approve the amendment & overlay map Unanimous*

Keeler Twp.- Rezoning 80-12-040-047-00 & 048-00 & 046-00 from Residential to Commercial. Future location of new Town Hall: *On a Doroh/Cedarquist motion to concur with Keeler Twp recommendation to rezone. Unanimous.*

Adjourn: 7:45