



Van Buren County Planning Commission
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Minutes
September 28, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Present: Jan Petersen, Pam Stermer, Ray Martin, Scott Cedarquist, Tom Motycka, Tony Hemenway, William Pugsley, Kurt Doroh, Cari Elmore

Absent: Celinda Gilmore, Barbara Rose

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Ray Martin made a motion to approve the agenda; Supported by Tony Hemenway. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2022

- **Motion:** Kurt Doroh made a motion to approve the minutes; Supported by Ray Martin. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Reports

a. County Commissioner

- Commissioner Doroh reported on:
 - Broadband mapping, updates decreased install estimates by \$10m. Hired DCS Technology for 2 months for planning.
 - The county is creating a Parks & Recs Commission
 - Hartford School deputy hired
 - Claims for August \$2,448,379.90
 - Capital improvement projects
 - Cremation permits eliminated

b. Southwestern Michigan Commission Representative

- Meeting was not held.

c. Local visits

- Scott – Arlington Township meeting– Special Use Permit for Smith Gravel Pit, Marijuana issues
- Jan – MSUE Conference in Alma, MI, attended walking tour for crime prevention.

- Tom – Decatur Township Planning Commission – to discuss SWMI Solar Planning, but no one showed up. Decatur Township meeting – Broadband, and planning commission, squatters.
- Will – MSU research farm.
- Pam – webinar with MSUE on Solar.

6. Unfinished Business

- None

7. New Business

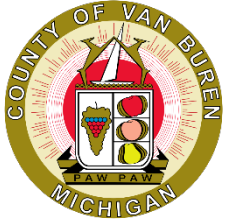
- Antwerp Township – Zoning Map Amendment
 - **Discussion:** Market Van Buren attracted a company to our area from California, they make chips to pair with wine. Zoning map was amended for the land they purchased. The company will be moving here in the near future.
 - **Motion:** William Pugsley made a motion to concur; Supported by Ray Martin. Motion carried.
- South Haven Charter Township – Notice of Intent to Master Plan
 - **Discussion:** This board will send an acknowledgement for receipt of the notice.
- Porter Township – Changes to the Zoning Ordinance
 - **Discussion:** This is a whole new ordinance; the solar piece has been included.
 - **Motion:** Kurt Doroh made a motion to concur; Supported by Scott Cedarquist. Motion carried.
- Commission Applicant – Heath Wall
 - **Discussion:** Research will to be done on planning committee membership requirements. This item to be brought back to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Kurt Doroh made a motion to adjourn; Supported by William Pugsley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting: October 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Minutes by: Cari Elmore, Staff Secretary



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September 29, 2022

Via Email: creyna@antwerptownship.com

Chantel Reyna, Clerk
Antwerp Township
24821 Front Avenue
Mattawan, MI 49071

Re: Antwerp Township – Wine Chips, 61675 & 61819 M-40 Zoning Map Amendment

Dear Ms. Reyna:

On September 28, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Antwerp Township Wine Chips Zoning Map Amendment.

- **Discussion:** Market Van Buren attracted a company to our area from California, they make chips to pair with wine. The zoning map was amended for the land they purchased. The company will be moving here in the near future.
- **Motion:** William Pugsley made a motion to concur; Supported by Ray Martin. Motion carried.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cari Elmore
Secretary
VBC Planning Commission

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Tasha Smalley, Zoning Administrator
South Haven Charter Township
09761 Blue Star Memorial Highway
South Haven, MI 49071

Re: South Haven Charter Township – Notice of Intent to Master Plan

Dear Ms. Smalley:

On September 28, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Notice of Intent to Master Plan letter. We look forward to receiving the drafts for review. Please forward them to me at the contact information below.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cari Elmore
Secretary
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Via Email: cmjrinc@comcast.net

Charles Meade, Jr, Clerk
Porter Township
88040 M-40 Hwy
Lawton, MI 49065

Re: Porter Township - Zoning Ordinance Amendment to add Article XVIII

Dear Ms. Reyna:

On September 28, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Porter Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

- **Discussion:** This is a new ordinance; the solar piece has been included.
- **Motion:** Kurt Doroh made a motion to concur; Supported by Scott Cedarquist. Motion carried.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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