



## **Van Buren County Planning Commission**

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### **Minutes**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

#### **1. Call to Order & Attendance @6:33PM**

**Present:** Jan Petersen, Barbara Rose, Tom Motycka, William Pugsley, Kurt Doroh, Alyssa Hosbein, Celinda Gilmore

**Absent:** Ray Martin, Pam Sterner, Scott Cedarquist, Tony Hemenway

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Doroh motion to approve the agenda; Supported by Motycka. Motion carried.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Motion:** Pugsley motioned to approve minutes as amended. Supported by Motycka. Motion carried.

#### **4. Public Comment:** None

#### **5. Reports**

a. County Commissioner—Doroh reported on Holtec; Covert Generating Plant; New finance director, Cora Menciarini; John Faul as interim county administrator while search continues.

b. Land Preservation—Next meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2023 from 6-8:00pm at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence.

c. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission—Planning grant received for Ox Creek/Pipestone clean up and alternative transportation initiative.

d. Local visits-Motycka to Decatur Township: Decatur and Hamilton Twps. updating master plans. Rose to Covert Twp: having meetings to discuss coastal plan. Pugsley to Bangor Twp. potential lawsuit over marijuana licensing issues. Petersen to Lawrence Village: Updating ordinances, mentioned availability of Dark Sky Initiative samples.

#### **6. Unfinished Business:**

Discussion about who has taken Citizen Planner course and current availability at \$250/person or \$225 if four or more sign up. MSUE has several training opportunities. Doroh will investigate procuring additional training funds.

#### **7. New Business**

a. Keeler Township Master Plan: Discussion with many positive comments. Doroh motioned to concur. Supported by Rose. Motion carried.

b. Antwerp Township Rezoning: Discussion of location, process, and findings of fact. Motycka motioned to concur. Supported by Pugsley. Motion carried.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Doroh motioned to adjourn. Supported by Rose. Motion carried.

**Next meeting:** May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:30pm. Guest, Tyler Augst, MSUE, Training Opportunities

Minutes by Hosbein, Gilmore, and Petersen