



Van Buren County Planning Commission
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Minutes
July 26th, 2023
6:30 PM

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Present: Pam Stermer, Tom Motycka, Tony Hemenway, Kurt Doroh, Alyssa Hosbein, Scott Cedarquist, also Tyler Augst from MSUE.

Absent: Jan Petersen, Celinda Gilmore, Barbara Rose, William Pugsley, and Ray Martin

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** Motycka to approve. **Support:** Hemenway. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 26th, 2023

- **Motion:** Motycka to approve. **Support:** Doroh. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

- N/A

5. Reports

a. County Commissioner/Doroh

- Broadband expansion continues; pricing variances for people, everyone will get it, it will just take time. Approval to try to get market housing analysis.

b. Land Preservation

- August 18th, 2023, 9am-11am Farmland Preservation in MI; Van Buren Conference Center. RSVP by August 10th, 2023

c. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

- No Meeting

d. Local Visits

- Decatur Township – Tom Motycka – August 8th, 2023, election

6. Unfinished Business

- Local Citizen Planner: Tentative Dates: March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 2024

7. New Business

- a. Lawton Master Plan: Discussion: Plan needs to be revised for grammar and accuracies of location names.

- **Motion:** Stermer moves to revisit Lawton Draft Master Plan at our August 23rd meeting to respond by Sept. 1, 2023 before their Sept. 5th meeting. **Support:** Motycka. Motion carried.

- b. Lawrence Proposed Text Amendments: 1) *Amendment of Lawrence Zoning definition of Contiguous.*

- **Motion:** Scott: *Do not Concur.* Without public hearing minutes not sure if this went through due process of legal adoption procedures, we need more information. **Support:** Kurt. Motion carried.

2) *Lawrence Ordinance Amendment of Campground Definition.*

- **Motion:** Scott: *Do not Concur.* We are in receipt of amended ordinance but have not received public hearing minutes; this does not appear to have gone through public process; we need more information **Support:** Kurt. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment – 7:18pm

Next meeting: August 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Minutes by Alyssa Hosbein