

Ida Township Planning Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Ida Township
3016 Lewis Avenue
Ida, MI 48144

Members:

Kevin Miller
Pete Loughney
Elmer Bowman
Mark Metz, Chairman
Steve Biela

Staff:

Dave Friend, Zoning Administrator
John Enos, Planning Consultant
Sheila Myers, Planning Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** M. Metz called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Mark Metz, Steve Biela, Pete Loughney and Elmer Bowman.
Absent: Kevin Miller

M. Metz recognized special guest, Dave Friend, Zoning Administrator. John Enos, Planning Consultant, was absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bob Rado stated that telephone/electric poles down Ida West are leaning and he is concerned it could be a safety hazard. E. Bowman stated that the Township was working to address the issue.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made by P. Loughney to approve the minutes as printed, with support by E. Bowman. Motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by P. Loughney, with support by S. Biela, to approve agenda as printed. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** none.
7. **REPORT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT:** none.
8. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Old Business:

1. Review of Master Plan. Remains tabled.

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B. New Business:

1. Application for Special Event Approval – Ida Community Days. Motion made by P. Loughney, with support by E. Bowman, to approve the proposed “Ida Community Days” as a special event described under Ida Township Zoning Ordinance section 6.49 scheduled to take place within the “township center” located in Ida, Michigan on Saturday May 19, 2018 subject to the following conditions:
 1. Copies presented to the Township Board of all permits, letters of approval, safety control, Monroe County Health Department requirements, refuse disposal, food vendors, etc. prior to the event as submitted in the application.
 2. A copy of a current liability insurance policy naming the Township as an “additional insured” prior to the event as submitted in the application.
 3. Closure of all activity from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 4. Provide security as described in application.
 5. Applicant to supply the Township Board with an estimated on site occupancy as submitted in application i.e., 2,000 total 100 at any one time.
 6. Event sponsors are responsible for site cleanup.
 7. Applicant to supply Township Board with the time of event conclusion when last participant leaves the site as indicated in the application: 9 p.m.
 8. Provide signed approval for land use from property owners.
 9. Maintain restroom accommodations until conclusion of the event i.e., when last person leaves.
 10. Return property to its original condition within 24 hours of the event conclusion.
 11. Ida Township Board approval including approval to use listed township property as submitted in application.

The location of the activity in conjunction with its limited duration and timing is not expected to adversely nor unreasonably affect adjoining properties or public health, safety, morals or the general welfare, provided certain conditions and restrictions are imposed and adhered to.

Roll call:
M. Metz: Yes
P. Loughney: Yes
E. Bowman: Yes
K. Miller: Absent
S. Biela: Yes

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9. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA:

Correspondence received. none.

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10. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: E. Bowman stated that the Building Department asked the Township to appoint an alternative electrical inspector in case the current inspector is unavailable. The Township appointed Tracy Phillips as the alternate. E. Bowman mentioned that the Township is still addressing blight within the township. Additionally, he said the Superintendent of Ida Public School had asked if the Township would assist financially in providing for a security liaison for the school campus. The Township does not think it is legally allowed to assist in this matter. Finally, E. Bowman indicated that the Township will be working to make some repairs in Community Room.

11. REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE: none.

12. OTHER MATTERS: P. Loughney stated he went to a solar panel workshop and thought the Township should consider creating a more specific zoning ordinance to address this potential issue. D. Friend stated that a school district in Archbold, Ohio, has a windmill that provides for the schools electricity and suggested this to the Ida School Board but the School Board was not interested. He also said that Dollar General is working to finalize a lease agreement and Marflow will be breaking ground this spring.

13. ADJOURNMENT: P. Loughney made a motion to adjourn with support by S. Biela. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheila Myers, Recording Secretary