

Ida Township Planning Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 9, 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 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Mark Metz, Steve Biela, Pete Loughney, Elmer Bowman and Kevin Miller.

M. Metz recognized special guests, Paul Metz, Ida Township Supervisor, Dave Friend, Zoning Administrator, and John Enos, Planning Consultant.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** none.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Motion made by K. Miller to approve the minutes as printed, with support by P. Loughney. Motion carried.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by P. Loughney, with support by S. Biela, to approve agenda as printed. Motion carried.
6. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS:** none.
7. **REPORT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT:** J. Enos said that he would work to coordinate training in early 2019 for the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He also discussed updating the ordinance to address solar farms. He will look into the issue further to provide draft language at the next meeting.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Old Business:

1. Review of Master Plan. E. Bowman made a motion, with support from P. Loughney, to untable the issue.

Roll Call:

K. Miller	Yes
S. Biela	Yes

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M. Metz Yes
P. Loughney Yes
E. Bowman Yes
Motion carried.

J. Enos went over the draft of the Master Plan and future land use map. P. Loughney made a motion, with support from S. Biela, to send the updated Master Plan to the Township Board for distribution to surrounding areas.

Roll Call:
K. Miller Yes
S. Biela Yes
M. Metz Yes
P. Loughney Yes
E. Bowman Yes
Motion carried.

2. Review Ordinance: Self-Contained Storage Units on Private Property. E. Bowman made a motion to untable the issues with support from K. Miller.

Roll Call:
K. Miller Yes
S. Biela Yes
M. Metz Yes
P. Loughney Yes
E. Bowman Yes
Motion carried.

Discussed issue. Commission determined no change is needed at this time.

3. Review Ordinance: Animal Rescue. P. Loughney made a motion to untable with support from E. Boman.

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

Discussed issue. P. Loughney made a motion, with support from S. Biela, to make a text change to the Ordinance, Section 6.6, on Page 149, to include “see section 6.30 and 6.31”. All in favor.
Motion carried.

B. New Business: none.

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9. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA:

Correspondence received. none.

Planning Commission Members. none.

10. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: E. Bowman provided an update on the Minx Road project.

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

12. OTHER MATTERS: D. Friend provided an update on Christmas in Ida, the Dollar General, and Marflo's building. P. Metz outlined a possible future sewer project.

13. ADJOURNMENT: K. Miller made a motion to adjourn with support by P. Lougney. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheila Myers, Recording Secretary