

Watson Township Planning Commission

February 28, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-
Chairman Bruce Bos called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-
Present: Bruce Bos, Jim Davis, Hunter Davis and Brad Stalker.
Absent: Jay Roberts-Eveland and John Caras.

Visitors:

Jason Derry – Professional Code Inspections, Inc.
Kevin Christiansen
Brady Cole
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4. Public Comment not on Agenda.

Kevin Christiansen wanted to hear more about the details of the SUP for Matt Double's gravel pit such as details about the general operation and truck routes. I informed him that the Planning Commission has received no information regarding this SUP request. I suggested that he contact Kevin Travis or attend a township board meeting for any questions that he might have regarding this gravel pit operation as apparently the township planning commission was somehow passed over for approval or any discussion thereof in the issuance of any SUP for Matt Double.

No other public comments.

5. Reading and review of the Agenda. Jim Davis motioned to accept the agenda. Hunter Davis seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
6. Reading and review of the Minutes from the January 24th, 2024 meeting. Jim Davis motioned to accept the minutes. Brad Stalker seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

7. Old Business:

a) None

8. New Business:

Recognition of any changes and/new members of the Planning Commission. Re-introduced Hunter Davis to everyone as the newest member of the commission. Introduced and talked with Brady Cole (who was in the audience) and who is apparently going to assume the position on the planning commission previously held by Owen Ramey. Welcomed Brady on board the commission as he will be sworn in and made an official member at the Township Board of Trustees meeting next week. I then wanted to add to the public remarks a word of thanks to Owen Ramey for his time on the commission. His time and work for the township was very valued by the commission.

Bruce Bos then announced and read his letter of resignation from the township planning commission. (See letter attached to these minutes.)

It was suggested by both Jim Davis and Bruce Bos that the election of officers for 2024-2025 be tabled until the next meeting in March when more members might be available.

Jim Davis asked whether the township has any ordinance in place for solar power/energy. Bruce B. stated that yes, the township has ordinances already in place for both Solar and Wind energies. He will review these as he has been asked by a resident about the ability to install solar panels on or at a place of residence.

Jason Derry stated that he and PCI have been in the process of updating the zoning maps for the township. More information and completion dates will be shared when available.

9. Hunter Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brad Stalker. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bruce Bos
Watson Township Planning Commission Chairman

(Attachment to Minutes)

Bruce E. Bos
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Watson Township Planning Commission and Watson Township Board of Trustees
Watson Township, Allegan MI

I am writing this letter to formally tender my resignation from my role as Chairman and member of the Watson Township Planning Commission effective immediately from the close of the February 28th regular meeting.

It has been a privilege to have served on the Township Planning Commission over the last 14 years. I have met and have worked alongside some wonderful people on the planning commission and zoning commission who also happened to share the same passion and vision for this township. Their insights and experiences have been invaluable in the guidance and planning for the township.

I was first recruited to this commission all of those years ago with the full intention of being able to help guide and maintain the integrity of the oath taken to protect the residents of Watson Township from unwanted changes to the properties, conditions and values and to protect it from others who may wish to harm and/or affect changes to our core values.

During the last few years, I have come to realize that the role of the planning commission has changed and I no longer feel that I have the full ability or passion to carry out those ideals that I was so excited for back in prior years. Therefore, I tender this resignation and hope for nothing but the best for the future of Watson Township and its residents. Again, it has been an honor to be part of a team who worked for the residents of Watson Township.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Bos