

Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes November 30, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM by Lori Pung (acting Chairperson in absence of Chairperson Nolan Solomon).

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Pung

Members Present: Kurt Koenigsknecht, Sam Nielsen, Lori Pung and Brenda Zlotek

Members absent: Nolan Solomon

Public Present: Forrest Thurston- Township Inspector/Enforcement Officer, Gary Weber, Robert Thelen, Benton Heisler, and Larry Wineland.

Additions to Agenda: Lori Pung motioned to add two items, discuss Master Plan Addendum and Zoning Amendments as number seven and eight on the agenda, seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022: Lori Pung motioned to approve the minutes from September 28, 2022 as presented, seconded by Sam Nielsen. Motion Carried.

Master Plan Public Hearing: Lori Pung motioned to open public hearing on Master Plan Addendum at 7:08 PM, seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Master Plan Addendum- None.

Lori Pung Motioned to close Public Comment on Master Plan Addendum at 7:15 PM, seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Carried

Zoning Amendment Public Hearing: Lori Pung motioned to open public hearing on Zoning Amendment at 7:16PM seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Carried.

Public Comment on Zoning Amendment: Gary Weber had a question for the board on Solar Farms falling under Agriculture or Industrial Zoning. The Board explained Solar Farms are zoned as Special Use under Agriculture in Bengal Township.

Lori Pung motioned to close public comment on Zoning Amendment at 7:19PM, seconded by Sam Nielsen. Motion Carried.

Regular Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Resumed at 7:19PM.

Planning Commission Discussion on Master Plan Addendum- none.

Lori Pung motioned to recommend Adoption of the Master Plan Addendum to the Township Board, seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Passed.

Planning Commission discussion on Zoning Amendment- none

Lori Pung motioned to make a recommendation for the adoption of the Zoning Amendment as presented to the Township Board, seconded by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Carried.

Public comment on Agenda Items:

Forrest Thurston expressed concerns related to drainage tile damage on Solar Farms. He specifically stated 30 days for repairs to damaged drain tiles by the solar farm is too long. He requested the commission consider an urgent contingency or reimbursement clause or amendment. The Planning Commission will review this with the Zoning Administrator for advisement and possible amendment.

Reports: Forrest Thurston -Township Inspector /Enforcement Officer reported on the ongoing “Junk” complaint. A privacy fence has been installed and the complaint is considered resolved.

Kurt Koenigsknecht- Zoning Board of Appeals informed the Planning Commission there are no new appeals to report.

Unfinished Business: Zoning Compliance Form Lot split language will be tabled until next meeting as Chairperson Solomon will be working on this form with the Zoning Administrator on the form.

Planning Commission Comments- Lori Pung expressed thanks to the fellow members of the Planning Commission.

Motion of excused absence: Lori Pung motioned to excuse the absence of Chairperson Solomon, seconded

by Kurt Koenigsknecht. Motion Carried.

7:52 Meeting Adjourned by Lori Pung

Respectfully Submitted
Brenda Zlotek
Bengal Township Planning Commission Secretary
Pending Approval

Approved
04/26/2023