

## **Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes April 30, 2025**

**Meeting called to order** by Chairperson Brandy Solomon at 7:04PM

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Brandy Solomon

**Members present:** Sam Nielsen, Brandy Solomon, Nick Tipper, and Brenda Zlotek (arrived at 7:15 PM).

**Public Present:** Eric Ensey -Township Zoning Administrator from McKenna, Nick McDonald- Township Supervisor, Tanner White, and “Benton CommunityInput.org” [*sic*].

**Additions to Agenda-** Nick Tipper motioned to strike Township Inspector Expectations Discussion, from New Business, seconded by Sam Nielsen. Nick Tipper accepted the agenda with the modification, motion carried.

**Approval on Minutes** from March 26, 2025. Sam Nielsen motioned to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Nick Tipper, motion carried.

### **Unmanned Aircraft Systems Public Hearing.**

**Nick Tipper motioned** to close the regular Bengal Township Planning Commission meeting at 7:09 PM and open the public hearing for discussion on the Amendment for Unmanned Aircraft Systems, seconded by Sam Nielsen. Motion carried.

No public comment

**Nick Tipper motioned** to close public hearing at 7:24 PM, seconded by Brenda Zlotek, motion carried.

Brandy Solomon reconvened the regular meeting at 7:24PM

**Public Comment on Agenda Items-** none

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items-** Nick McDonald, Township Supervisor, reported the Township Clerk and Township Inspector/ Enforcement Officer arrived at an agreement for the notification of Inspections and the refunds of escrow.

### **Reports**

- a. **Township Inspector /Enforcement Officer update-** Forrest Thurston not present, no update.
- b. **Zoning Board of Appeals update-** Nick McDonald reports Linda Roof will be joining the ZBA in July and Tanner White will join the Planning Commission and ZBA. Either Bill or Tina Irrer will fill the other vacant position on the Planning Commission.
- c. **Township Board Liaison-** Nick Tipper reported the Township approved the Zoning Amendment on Accessory Buildings.

## **Unfinished Business**

- a. **PA-233 Appeal Update and Overlay District Update-** Nick McDonald reported he still has not received a response from Foster Swift to his inquiries.
- b. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems Amendment-** The Planning Commission discussed and reviewed the document with new language, "Article 7 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)" suggested to us from Eric Ensey.

**Motion** by Brenda Zlotek to approve the new language for Article 7 with modifications to Section 7.05 EXEMPTIONS, subsection B, striking "with an approved Agricultural Exemption form the Township Zoning administrator" in the first sentence and "with an approved Agricultural Exemption" in the second sentence. Seconded by Nick Tipper, motion carried.

**Motion** by Brenda Zlotek to recommend the Township Board adopt the amended Article 7, as discussed, and with approved modifications. Seconded by Nick Tipper, motion carried.

### **Planning Commission Comments.**

Nick Tipper verified with Eric Ensey that there are no other outstanding zoning issues requiring amending at this time.

The Planning Commission thanks Sam Nielsen for his service to the Planning Commission and the Township.

Meeting Adjourned by Brandy Solomon at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Zlotek, Bengal Township Planning Commission Secretary

Pending Approval

Approved \_06/25/\_2025