

Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Solomon at 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Solomon

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

Public Present: Chris Khorey, Township Zoning Administrator, Forrest Thurston Bengal township resident and Benton Heisler St. Johns resident.

Agenda Approved as presented.

August Meeting Minutes: Motion by Lori Pung to approve August 31, 2022 meeting minutes as amended, Seconded by Nolan Solomon, motion carried.

Public comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

Township Inspector/Enforcement Officer Update- Presented by Chris Khorey and Nolan Solomon in absence of Tom McComb. The ongoing “junk” complaint, has almost reached resolution, the homeowner agreed to install a 6ft high wood fence, which will bring the property into zoning compliance. One stake inspection was done by Nick McDonald, Township Supervisor for an unattached garage.

Zoning Board of Appeal Update- Kurt Koenigsknecht reports One 7 ft variance was approved for a barn/shop. Terms were renewed for George Koenigsknecht and Sharon Bassette to expire 6/30/2025.

Old Business: The Planning Commission reviewed draft Zoning Language for Solar Energy Facilities, Civil Infractions, Temporary Dwellings and FAQ page revision. Forrest Thurston signed a contract with the Bengal Township Board for the position of Township Inspector/Enforcement Officer.

New Business: Chris Khorey discussed some changes to the Zoning Compliance form for Lot Split Language to create a form which is more concise and user friendly.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Benton Heisler, a resident of St. Johns MI, representing Community Input.org had questions about public hearing on the proposed Ordinance Amendments. Mr. Khorey explained the time line and processes for adopting Ordinance Amendments.

Planning Commission Comments: The October and December Planning Commission Meetings will be canceled (this will be posted on the Township website and at the Township Hall). The Bengal Township Planning Commission Meeting schedule for 2023 will be at 7:00 PM on the last Wednesday of each month at the Bengal Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM by Chairman Solomon

Minutes Submitted by Brenda Zlotek
Bengal Township Planning Commission Secretary
Pending approval
Approved ___/___/2022