

GARDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Frank Williams at 7 p.m.

Members present: Jodi Durance, Frank Williams, Tom Lang, Janet Daasch

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all

No additions to the agenda

No public comments on the agenda

Approval of the minutes for November 3, 2022. Tom made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**A).** There is a typo in section 701-5(C) of the Interim Zoning Ordinance referring to "Hazelton" township instead of "Garden" Township. Janet made a motion for the Planning Commission to consider recommending a short amendatory ordinance to the Township Board to correct this clerical error. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**B).** To correct errors in previous minutes, Janet made a motion to approve the minutes for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 since the July 11, 2022 minutes did not show that the minutes were approved. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tom Lang abstained since he was not on the Commission at the time. Janet made a motion to correct the minutes for the July 11, 2022 meeting since Mark Bullard made a motion which passed in the July 15, 2022 minutes that the secretary add "illegal permits were pulled by individuals" to the July 11 minutes. Copies of the corrected minutes were passed out and included in the motion was the need to approve these minutes since the minutes for the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting do not reflect that the minutes were approved. Frank seconded the motion. Tom Lang abstained. Motion passed. Janet made a motion to approve the July 22, 2022 minutes since the August 9, 2022 minutes do not reflect that the minutes for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved. Frank seconded the motion. Tom Lang abstained. Motion passed. Janet made a motion to correct and approve the corrected minutes for August 18, 2022. Copies of corrected minutes were handed out. The August 18<sup>th</sup> minutes had a clerical error saying the minutes were approved for the July 22 meeting when it should have said for the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jodi seconded the motion. Tom abstained. Motion passed. Janet made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the October 24, 2022 meeting and public hearing. The heading of the minutes needed to state meeting minutes and public hearing in the heading. Error was red-lined and correction added. Copies were handed out. Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- A). In the discussion of mixed zoning in the previous meeting, more legal information was requested by members. In the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Tom suggested that Garden Township allow individual family dwelling in commercial zones. The attorney's legal advice did not recommend mixed zoning for a small township, instead recommended adding "single family dwellings" to the list of permitted uses in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts. The proposed amendment to the Interim Zoning Ordinance was handed out to members. Tom Lang made the motion to recommend to the Township Board to amend the Interim Zoning Ordinance to allow 'single family dwellings" be added to the list of permitted uses in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts. Janet seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tom stated that is better that the township is doing its own zoning since this would not have been possible to pass in Delta County. Garden Township has very little C-1 and C-2 areas in the township.
- B). After brief discussion on the temporary wind ordinance, Tom asked for more time to study the proposed ordinance before we vote on it. Discussion will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Comments were received.

Frank made the motion to adjourn, Janet seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Janet Daasch in the absence of a secretary.

*Janet Daasch*