

GARDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Members present: Mark Bullard, Jodi Durance, Tracy Waeghe, Frank Williams and Janet Feenstra Daasch, ex officio.

Members Absent: None Public Present: Steve Freeman & Craig Potvin

Mark calls meeting to order.

Craig Potvin inquired of obtaining a building permit for his client at property located in Garden Corners located next to Kay Cousineau's Residence. He wanted to know if they should wait to obtain the permit from Garden Township or apply at Delta County Building & Zoning. Mark Bullard suggested he apply at Delta County Building & Zoning due to time constraints.

Steve Freeman had questions on Page 39, Section 701-5 Moratorium on Wind and Solar. More discussion will be made at next meeting with Garden Township's Attorney Michael Homier. Janet stated that Chris Williams from Delta County would come to discuss & help us.

Janet Feenstra Daasch stated we need to approve interim zoning ordinance in order to obtain a part-time Administrator, also discussed fee structure. We should look at other counties to determine what the fee structure should be.

Janet Feensra Daasch stated that permits were pulled regarding Solar Installations in Delta County that were approved qualify.

Mark Bullard suggested to the Committee to obtain updated Delta County Official Zoning Map Section 909-8 Garden Township & Delta County Official Zoning Map Section 909-A Garden Township Map. He asked for volunteers to get the updated maps. Tracy Waeghe accepted task to contact Delta County Building & Zoning. Tracy contacted Delta County Building & Zoning on July 12, 2022 and spoke to Sandy Caron (Delta County Building & Zoning Clerk) and was told that the maps we have are the latest available.

It was suggested by Steve Freeman to say The Pledge of Allegiance at each board meeting. Mark Bullard made the motion and Frank Williams seconded the motion. The Chair called for the vote. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

It was suggested by Janet Feenstra Daasch for the committee to attend The Informational Meeting on the possibilities of joint Planning & Zoning in Delta County on August 9th at Delta County Service Center Board Room located at 2920 College Avenue, Escanaba, MI 49829.

The next meeting date was set for July 15, 2022. Jodi Durance made a motion to adjourn, Tracy Waeghe seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tracy A. Waeghe/Secretary