

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 20th, 2023

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APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Bill VanDaele Tim Stiff Don Abrams
 Brian Dotson Dennis Staelgraeve Fred Calkins
 Chris Collins

Absent: 0 absent

Also present: Kelly McIntyre, CIB Planning, Marketing & Economic Development
 Gary Dahl, Township Building Official
 Dave Uhl, Economic Development/Public Safety Director
 Gary Klemz, Township Trustee
 Kyle Bryant, Township Clerk

2 interested citizens in person.

A quorum being present, Chairman Dennis Staelgraeve called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. This meeting was held under the Open Meetings Act.

Item No. 1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

A Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Item No. 2 Roll Call.

A Roll Call was taken. All members present.

Item No. 3 Approval of Agenda.

Motion

Moved By: Don Abrams

Supported By: Chris Collins

A Motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented.

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Item No. 4 Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2023.

Motion

Moved By: Fred Calkins

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A Motion was made to approve the Minutes as presented.

MUC

Item No. 5 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Only.

One Citizen present spoke briefly regarding short term rentals and Lake Erie water quality.

No Further discussion.

Item No. 6 Business Items.

**a. Public Hearing and Discussion of Frenchtown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance
2023 Draft**

Kelly McIntyre, CIB Planning, Marketing & Economic Development gave her report regarding the draft ordinance.

Planning Members discussed.

Motion

Moved By: Don Abrams

Supported By: Fred Calkins

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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Public Comments regarding revisions were heard from 1 citizen present.

A written correspondence from citizen, Bill Conner, who could not be present was submitted.

Motion

A Motion was made to place communication from Bill Conner on file.

Moved By: Fred Calkins

Supported By: Don Abrams

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Motion

Moved By: Bill VanDaele

Supported By: Don Abrams

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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Planning Members discussed.

Motion

Moved by: Fred Calkins

Supported: NA

A Motion was made to approve the 2023 Zoning Ordinance Draft Document with the omission of section 4.37 regarding solar.

Motion died for lack of support.

Planning members discussed further.

Motion

Moved By: Tim Stiff

Supported By: Brian Dotson

A Motion was made to approve the proposed changes to the 2023 Zoning Ordinance Draft Document with revisions as discussed to Section 4.37 Solar.

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Item No. 7 Other Business/Discussion.

Gary Dahl , Frenchtown Charter Township Building Official opened discussion regarding truck parking on N. Monroe Street and gave a status report for Mr. Mike’s Pools and the fence to be installed.

Planning Commission discussed.

No further discussion.

Item No. 8 Board Reports and Administrative Update.

a. Administrative Review Update

Nothing to discuss.

b. Township Board Report

Mr. Collins gave an update on the opening of Bids for the Townships Municipal Building.

c. ZBA Report

No Meetings have occurred. Nothing to report.

d. Next Planning Commission Agenda – May 18, 2023

There was mention of a Rezoning that would be on the May 18th Agenda.

Item No. 9 Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Nothing to discuss.

Item No. 10 Adjournment

Motion

Moved By: Tim Stiff

Supported By: Don Abrams

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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