

**MARATHON TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Minutes May 8, 2023**

Tom Greyerbiehl, Chair

Sheila Dennis

Sandi Glesenkamp, Secretary

Rosalee Perdue

Smokey Meinecke

Terry Miner

Fred Moorhouse

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman, Tom Greyerbiehl. Roll call was taken showing all present except Perdue was absent. Several guests were in the audience. (see guest list) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Welcome new member, Fred Moorhouse.

A motion was made by Miner with support by Meinecke to approve the agenda. All votes aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Miner with support by Dennis to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023. All votes aye, motion carried.

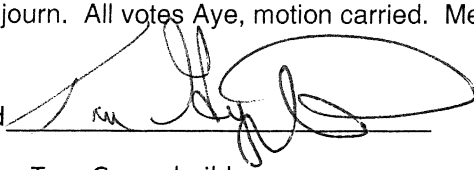
Public Comment: Concerns were expressed by some audience members regarding considering reviewing zoning ordinance definitions and other zoning concerns.

New Business: Several residents from Hemingway Lake Association spoke in regard to short-term rentals or Airbnb. It appears that a real estate company has been advertising a home for sale on the lake as an Airbnb. Residents are concerned about the unique character of the lake as Hemingway Lake is a private lake and has no public access. Some concerns were that some of the roads leading to the lake are privately maintained by the residents and the residents also stock the lake with fish provided by contributions. It would also become difficult to ensure safe boating for the residents due to the increased number of people using the lake. If the renters bring their own watercraft, a number of other issues arise such as infecting the waters with invasive species. Allowing Airbnb renters on Hemingway Lake "provides a pass to people who have no personal investments in the lake". A motion was made by Glesenkamp with support by Dennis to request the Township Board to issue a moratorium on Airbnb's until the Planning Commission can develop an ordinance for Airbnb's. All vote Aye, motion carried.

Old Business: Solar Farm Ordinance. A contract for Rowe Engineering was presented which states that Rowe Engineering will write a solar energy ordinance to our liking which includes 4 meetings. The first meeting would be a joint one with the Township Board and Planning Commission. The second would be for a draft ordinance and the third would be the Public Hearing and the fourth would be a proposed ordinance language with notice of adoption. The cost is \$3500. If more meetings are required, Rowe will attend at a cost of \$125 per hour. A motion was made by Greyerbiehl with support by Moorhouse to present the Rowe Engineering contract to the Township Board for acceptance. All votes Aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Meinecke with support by Miner to adjourn. All votes Aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved  \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Greyerbiehl