

MARATHON TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING Minutes

September 25, 2023

Tom Greyerbiehl, Chair
Sandi Glesenkamp, Secretary
Smokey Meinecke
Fred Moorhouse

Sheila Dennis
Rosalee Perdue
Terry Miner

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman, Tom Greyerbiehl. Roll call was taken showing all present except for Perdue. Several guests were in the audience. (see guest list)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

A motion was made by Meinecke with support by Dennis to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023. All votes aye, motion carried.

Public Comment: There were several comments, suggestions, and proposed solutions made for the Planning Commission to consider as they try to develop a short-term rental ordinance.

New Business: None

Old Business: Upon review of the draft Solar Energy Ordinance, it was agreed that the buffering/screening language should be more detailed. (See attached). A motion was made by Glesenkamp with support by Dennis to accept the buffering language to be a part of the draft solar ordinance. All votes Aye. Motion carried.

Public Hearing date will be November 6 at the Columbiaville Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

Short Term Rentals: There was much discussion about Short-term Rentals (STR's) such as developing Class I as principle resident owners. Class II Second home or inherited home owners. Class II as owned by a commercial company for the sole purpose of renting out property. All PC members thought that Class III should not be allowed.

As far as the lake district is concerned, there should be limits on how many occupants, (to be determined) the number of vehicles (to be determined) and restricting the # of days to rent out as 3 months per year. Pc determined that the definition of STR should include no less than 7 days and no more than 28 days. Also suggested was that the owner must have ownership for at least 3 months before property could be used as a STR.

Next meeting will be October 9, at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Miner with support by Dennis to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by _____

Sandi Glesenkamp

Approved _____

Tom Greyerbiehl