

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
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Members Present: Mark Guzniczak, Pat Baker, Phil Knape, Chris Wren, Mark Pitzer, Karl Frederiksen, Ryan Schultz

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Chairman Guzniczak, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was properly posted and a quorum of the Brooks Township Planning Commission was present.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Schultz, **seconded** by Pitzer to approve the agenda as written. **Unanimously Approved**

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Wren, **seconded** by Frederiksen to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, meeting as written. **Unanimously Approved**

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Members received memo from Williams & Works regarding the All American North Country Party Store (Hess Lake Party Store) of possible parking expansions and changes that would like to be made. Until an actual application is submitted by the owner nothing will be done at this time.

Reserved Time - None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) The Wind and Solar Ordinance from 2009 and 2018 should be reviewed and discussed for any changes by the state, if any alternative sources are available or options. The necessity of preserving farmland, what are the contaminations to the land from chemicals and what approach the township should take. The chairman will contact the planner to see what the latest information and/or issues regarding wind and solar are, so further discussion and review can be done before any action is taken.
- 2) The Planning Commission submitted the annual report to the members according to Article II, Section 19 of PA 33 of 2008 (Michigan Planning Enabling Act) for their review.

Moved by Wren, **seconded** by Frederiksen to approve the 2022 Planning Commission Annual Report and submit to the Township Board as required. **Unanimously Approved.**

The chairman will send the report to the clerk, so it is on the agenda for the next township meeting for approval.

Staff Update: Zoning Report for January was submitted.

Public Comment: None

Planning Commission Members Comments: Pitzer mentioned an issue from the ZBA regarding a barn type building at Emerald Lake that was placed to close to the road with electrical and that a variance would need to be applied for from the owner.

Baker mentioned that next month will be the election of officers and will need to be put on the agenda.

Adjournment: Moved by Baker, **seconded** by Knape, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. **Unanimously Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Baker
Planning Commission Secretary

Dianna Schaafsma
Recording Secretary