

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Bill Jacobs	Present
Dave Cousino	Present
Dr. Larry Guinn	Present
Dan Taylor	Present
Paul Perry	Absent
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Absent - Excused

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kim Cousino.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Guinn moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

Robert Schwartz moved supported by Danny Taylor to approve the May 16, 2023 regular meeting & public hearing minutes as presented. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

A. No public comment.

B. Dave Cousino moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve and place on file the budget report. Motion carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Site plan review - 3949 Luna Pier Rd – Station/Truckstop**

Mike Demski stated that the site plans for 3949 Luna Pier Rd. have been reviewed and approved by all outside agencies, they are in order with township ordinances.

Owner, Ali Nasser was present with Patrick from Boss Engineering; they answered questions regarding the site plans, Mr. Nasser stated MDOT is requiring work to be done by end of October, discussion was held over utilities, storm water, and a privacy fence expansion on North – West side of property.

Danny Taylor moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve the site plan for 3949 Luna Pier Rd. truck stop, with the extension of the privacy fence on the west side of the property and to continue north up to the front of the neighboring house. Motion carried.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Tim and Candy Whitmarsh, owners of 2899 Algonquin, stated they would like to remove the chain link fence and erect a six-foot vinyl privacy fence on the north side of their property, the approved site plans did not include the fence, they asked the commissioners if they could approve the fence or if they would need to present another site plan for approval. Mike Demski stated the fence ordinance only applies to residential property, not commercial, a six-foot fence is acceptable in a commercial district.

Danny Taylor moved supported by Robert Schwartz to allow a six-foot vinyl fence to be installed on the north side of the property located at 2899 Algonquin, and to update the site plan accordingly. Motion carried.

Dr. Guinn reported that he and Bill Jacobs were recognized for twenty years of service to the Erie Township Planning Commission; Bill Jacobs stated he received a certificate and pin from the Michigan Association of Planning.

10. MEETING DATES

Township Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Cousino moved supported by Danny Taylor to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary