

**PLANNING COMMISSION
ERIE TOWNSHIP
ERIE, MICHIGAN
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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	Present
Robert Schwartz	Present
Manny Evola	Present

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. MINUTES APPROVAL

Manny Evola moved, supported by Danny Taylor to approve the March 19, 2024 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comment: Kurt and Rebecca Golden – Live on Iroquois/Algonquin area, they are asking the planning commissioners to consider allowing residential homes in the commercial waterfront district.

B. Communications: None

C. Budget Report: Manny Evola moved supported by Robert Schwartz to approve and place on file the budget report. Motion carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Master Plan – Committee Update

Paul Perry said the sub-committee met once to review the plan, they are suggesting minor edits. Paul will have a draft for the commissioners at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Mike Demski informed the commissioners that he has been approached by the Golden's and other property owners about allowing residential homes in a commercial waterfront district, he recommended it be on the next planning commission meeting agenda.

Manny Evola provided a copy of Deerfield's solar and wind energy ordinance, which is in compliance with PA 233 of 2023. Manny requested discussion on PA 233 of 2023 and creating of an overlay district for renewable energy be added to a future planning commission agenda.

Dr. Larry Guinn commented on the historical marker being re-located to the township hall and inquired on the downtown project. Danny Taylor and Kim Cousino stated the downtown project has ran into a barrier with the state regarding ADA access to the businesses located on the one block and that we are continuing to work with the Mannik and Smith Group.

10. MEETING DATES

Township Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Cousino moved supported by Robert Schwartz to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary