

# LILLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2022

UNAPPROVED

The April 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 meeting of the Lilley Township Planning Commission, held at the Multi-Purpose Building, was called to order by Chairman Cindy Israels at 7:32 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by the Invocation by Robert Doornbos.

The roll was called with the following members present: Chris Moore, Robert Doornbos, Anna Bonnett, Cindy Israels and Judith Hoving.

**Approval of Minutes** from February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Motion made to approve by Bob Doornbos and seconded by Chris Moore All in favor – Motion carried

**Correspondence:** We received a Re-zoning Application from Gregory E. Freeman. Due to previous difficulties with rezoning it was decided that it is necessary to get legal counsel involved. Zoning Officer Jeff Wroblewski and Mr. Freeman will be meeting to find an alternative to rezoning that will accomplish Mr. Freeman's goals. This application is tabled until further action is required or the issue is resolved.

**Public Comment: Special Event Application:** Discussion from the Bitely Boys representative questioning the reason they were being asked to provide this information. This was discussed and suggestions made on how to simplify the procedure in the future.

Questions arose concerning Community Building rental procedures. Discussion ensued concerning the need for review of contractual language on the rental of the Community Building, and the possible need for Special Event Applications. This is something the Planning Commission will approach the Township Board with for clarification.

**New Business:** Two Special Event Applications from the Bitely Boys - Spring Blessing of the Putt Putts and the camping for the Blessing of The Bikes Weekend. After reviewing submitted site plan, current Liability Insurance, dates, and other pertinent documentation, we will move forward with recommendations to the Township Board for approval. A copy of the County permit for camping will be supplied to us when received by the Bitely Boys.

A motion was made for recommendation to approve through the Township, the Blessing of the Bikes camping application as submitted. Documentation is in order except for County Camping Permit as stated above.

Motion by Chris Moore and seconded by Judy Hoving.

Roll Call – Chris Moore yes, Judy Hoving yes, Cindy Israels yes, Bob Doornbos yes, Anna Bonnett yes

All in favor - motion carried

**Old Business – Master Plan 5 and 10-year plan final wishes**

Fire Department Chief Scott DeBruyne was present, reviewed past plan and revised.

Jeff Ford, Cemetery Sexton and Transfer Station Attendant reviewed items from past and revised.

Both offered suggestions for future needs of the Fire Department, Medical First Responders, Transfer Station and Cemetery.

The meeting became an open forum with questions, discussion, suggestions and concerns made by the audience and Commission members. Some of the topics covered throughout are as follows: Transfer station issues, the fire station which is the disaster shelter in case of tornado, ice storm or power outage, a training facility for the fire department, AARP spending, fire siren coverage, combination of Fire and MFR in one building, and memorials to past Township contributors and veterans. Also discussed was the VFW building and uses for salvaging anything we can if it is to be torn down. Question raised was how the Township can help the elderly and children in need and how the Township is very limited in what can be funded. The Deputy Zoning Officer discussed the difficulty in enforcing rules on blight. Volunteers to help with blight were discussed and the difficulty of getting the community involved in volunteering. Suggestions were made on future possible activities in our Township buildings. Cemetery issues were also discussed, suggested and clarified. Transfer Station problems were discussed. Suggestion made that at some point property owner identity cards or vehicle decals might be considered in the future if deemed necessary.

A community member gave a list of suggestions on volunteering, beatification and advertising for volunteers and prizes for volunteers as incentive. Also suggested was a Youth Council, 16 – 25 to advise the Board and Planning Commission their view on future issues. Questions were raised on how zoning violations are reported and enforced. It was suggested that Zoning be amended to eliminate racial and other types of discrimination in verbiage in deeds, titles or wills in compliance with the Fair Housing Laws of the State of Michigan. Examples were requested by the Planning Commission.

There being no further business to be discussed, Motion was made by Robert Doornbos and seconded by Chris Moore to adjourn. All in favor – Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judith C. Hoving*

Planning Commission Secretary