BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Members Present: Jack Caughey, Chris Tennes, Jeff Locke, Ben Kudwa, Joy Suits,

Dave Falsetta, Maureen Sorbet and Barbara Wickerham

Absent: None

Others who attended the Meeting:

Gary Suits-Benton Township Supervisor, and Tammy Foster-Zoning Administrator, Michel Prout and Shawn Root.

Call to Order

Chairman Jack Caughey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Caughey led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to Agenda: None. M. Sorbet made a motion, supported by C. Tennis to approved agenda. Motion carried 8 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A motion was made by Jack Caughey, supported by Jeff Locke to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021. Motion carried 8 ayes; 0 nays.

Public Comment Non-Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Public Hearing Meeting - Jack Caughey opened the Public Hearing regarding the text for a proposed new final zoning ordinance for Benton Charter Township.

Tammy Foster, Zoning Administrator, gave a presentation of the 20 Articles that make up the proposed zoning ordinance, then opened the floor for public comment. There were three different comments.

Mark Royston, 6887 Benton Road – written comment. Mr. Royston opposes solar farms in Benton Township residential areas.

Michel Prout, 6607 Hartel Road – Has barn maintenance problems with permits from the County.

Shawn Root, 6551 Hartel Road – Discussed neighbor barn maintenance problems.

No other comments.

At 8:00 p.m. Chris Tennes made a motion, supported by Ben Kudwa to close the public hearing on the proposed new final zoning ordinance. Motion carried 8 ayes; 0 nays.

Supervisor Gary Suits requested that the Planning Commission have the Township Attorney review this document before we submit to the County. The Planning Commission agreed.

2022 Planning Commission Planning Dates:

Meeting dates are always scheduled the Thursday prior to the Benton Township Board Meeting. (\* are mandatory quarterly meetings if no meeting has been held that quarter).

January 6, 2022 July 9 2022

February 10, 2022 August 4, 2022

March 10, 2022\* September 8, 2022\*

April 7, 2022 October 6, 2022

May 5, 2022 November 20, 2022

June 9, 2022\* December 8 2022\*

Scheduled for January 6, 2022 is an informational meeting for the Benton Township Master Plan.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Meeting minutes by: Barbara Wickerham, Planning Commission Secretary