

Minutes

Benton Charter Township Planning Commission

Meeting Date: November 10, 2022

- 1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call: Jeff Locke, Maureen Sorbet, Chris Tennes, and Ben Kudwa**

Members Absent: Barb Wickerham and Jack Caughey

Others who attended the meeting: Gary Suits, Tammy Foster, Del Mecum, Bob Haver Colliers, and Julie Mecum

4. Approval of Minutes:

Maureen Sorbet made a motion supported by Chris Tennes to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Agenda:

Chris Tennes made a motion supported by Ben Kudwa to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

7. New Business:

Proposed amendment to Benton Charter Township Zoning Ordinance Articles 7,8,9 and Section 14.46 to allow for a Contractor Construction Establishment and Storage of Heavy Equipment.

Opened public hearing. No public comments.

The applicant was applying for a contractor construction establishment and storage for heavy equipment in a commercial zone. The current Zoning Ordinance did not address this use

Tammy Foster read the recommended zoning ordinance text amendments into the record (attached). The changes were recommended for property zoned commercial, industrial and agricultural.

Public hearing was closed.

Motion made by Ben Kudwa and supported by Chris Tennes to recommend the Benton Charter Township Board approve the zoning ordinance text amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Jeff Locke – Aye, Ben Kudwa – Aye, Chris Tennes – Aye, Maureen Sorbet – Aye. Motion passed.

8. Old Business:

Discussion about the lack of noticeable progress with the automotive repair shop at the corner of Windsor Highway and M-100. Gary Suits checked today on the vehicles that were sitting in the lot. Four vehicles were unlicensed. When the shop operator was asked about these vehicles he claimed they belonged to the property owner. Tammy Foster stated that no site plan nor wholesale dealership license have been presented to the township.

This situation is complicated by the fact that the operator is not the owner of the property.

After some discussion, Tammy Foster was asked to contact our attorney to determine what legal action can be taken to bring the property into compliance.

9. Public Comments: None

Moved by Chris Tennes and seconded by Ben Kudwa to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting is December 8, 2022, if needed.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Sorbet