Benton Charter Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023

Call to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Caughey led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Jack Caughey, Jeff Locke, Ben Kudwa, Maureen Sorbet, Chris Tennes, Barbara Wickerham

Members Absent: Roger Harris

Others present: Gary Suits-Benton Charter Township Supervisor, Tammy Foster- Zoning Administrator

Approval of Agenda

Addition to the Agenda: Add Eaton County Zoning Ordinance Proposed Text Amendment public hearing scheduled for August 1, 2023. The public hearing is scheduled to add wind energy systems as a use in the Counties’ Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the proposed changes to the County zoning ordinance is on file and available at the Benton Charter Township Office.

Motion: To add the County Zoning Ordnance to the meeting agenda was made by Chris Tennes, support Maureen Sorbet, motion carried.

June 8, 2023, meeting minutes

Motion: Jeff Locke support Barbara Wickerham to approve the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes. The minutes of the June 8, 2023, are available at the Township office. Motion Carried

Public Comment unrelated to Agenda items

No Public comments were made about unrelated agenda items.

New Business

Note New Business: Due to public hearing notification timing the scheduled July 6,2023 Planning Commission meeting and Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance No. 2022-2 was changed to July 13, 2023. The July 13, 2023, meeting included a public hearing for short term rental and public hearing regarding the adopt of a corrected zoning map.

Chairman Caughey opened the public hearing for Zoning Ord. Amendment ZOA 2023-001, short term rental at 7:15 P.M.

Chairman Caughey asked Zoning Administrator Tammy Foster to read the amendments from the June 8 meeting into the public record. Those in attendance were given the opportunity to make comments. Adam Auvenshine 2107 E Vermontville Hwy, Charlotte, MI and Steve Tennes 4640 Otto Road, Charlotte, MI made comments. A copy of the amendments are available at the Benton Charter Township office.

Chairman Caughey closed the public hearing at 8:16 p.m. and opened the meeting of the Planning Commission.

Motion: Jack Caughey support Maureen Sorbet to approve amendments ZOA 2023-001 of the Short-Term Rental section of the Benton Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, motion carried. A copy of the amended ordinance is available at the Benton Charter Township office.

Chairman Caughey opened the Public Hearing regarding the Zoning Map ZO 2013-002 correcting the Township zoning map at 8:16p.m. Chairman Caughey closed the public hearing at 8:18 and opened the meeting of the Planning Commission.

 Motion: By Ben Kudwa Support Barbara Wickerham to correct the zoning map per the Zoning Administers recommendation. Motion carried. A copy of the amended Benton Charter Township Zoning Map is available at the Township office.

Public Comments

No comments made

Next meeting date

August 10, 2023

Adjournment

Motion: Maureen Sorbet support Chris Tennes to adjourn, Motion carried

Submitted by

Ben Kudwa