

Benton Charter Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
Sept 7, 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: Jeff Locke, Roger Harris, Barbara Wickerham, Chris Tennes, Ben Kudwa, Maureen Sorbet, Jack Caughey

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

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as presented Maureen Sorbet second Chris Tennes. Motion carried.

Approval of August 10, 2023, meeting minutes

Motion: Barbara Wickerham second Jeff Locke motion to approve the August 10, 2023, meeting minutes, motion carried

Public Comments unrelated to Agenda items: No comments presented.

New Business

Resolution for Zoning Ord. ZOA2023-001, short term rental

Motion: Ben Kudwa second Jeff Locke to forward ZOA 2023-001 to the Township Board of Trustees. A copy of the ordinance including appropriate signatures by Zoning Planning Commission is on file at the Township office. Motion Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution for Zoning Map Amendment ZOA 2023-002, Revised Map

Motion: Maureen Sorbet second Jeff Locke to forward ZOA 2023-002 to the Township Board of Trustees. A copy of the ordinance including appropriate signatures by Zoning Planning Commission is on file at the Township office. Motion Carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Update by Zoning Administrator Foster on the status of Lou Hanft sawmill Special Use Permit SUP2023-001 application and progress toward compliance of the five (5) stipulations required in the SUP approval.

Lou Hanft read his letter in response to Zoning Administrator Foster's letter from August 28, 2023 noting the expiration of a six (6) month deadline to show progress toward compliance of the stipulations from the March 2023 SUP2023-001 approval.

Motion: Chris Tennes second Jeff Locke to grant a 120-day extension of the original 6-month deadline for the applicant to show progress toward compliance of the five (5) stipulations of the March 2023 SUP2023-001 approval for continued operation of an existing sawmill on property located at [3224 Lansing Road, Charlotte, MI](#). It is noted that previously requested additional documents to allow Planning Commission to take action on the site plan review documents originally submitted in June 2023 be submitted by the applicant in order that the site plan be reviewed at the November 9, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Motion Carried

Public comments none

Next meeting November 9, 2023

Adjournment

Motion: Chris Tennes second Barb Wickerham to adjourn motion carried

Submitted by Ben Kudwa