

Portage Township Planning Commission Minutes, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 13, 2024

Present: Cronin, Soldan, Anderson, Griffis

Absent: Boerman, Stein, Sherry

Public Present: Ollila, Pietla, Thyer

1. Meeting called to order by Soldan at 5:00pm
2. Motion to approve March 14, 2024 minutes as submitted by Griffis, seconded by Anderson, carried.
3. Amendments to agenda:
 - #5 Ollila will discuss zoning prior to Public Comments.
 - # 6 Soldan will present on renewable energy siting.
 - Motion to approve Agenda as amended by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried.
4. Ollila: Fees paid for all three Site Plan Reviews
 - Atlantic Overhead Door:
 - Motion to approve site plan as presented by Griffis, seconded by Cronin. Carried.
 - Up and Running:
 - Motion to approve site plan as presented by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried.
 - Eagle Drive – Pilgrim River Development
 - Motion to approve site plan as presented by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried.
5. Presentation by Cronin on consultants, of those that expressed interest in response to Soldan's request, Community Image Builders appears to have the strongest local track record.
 - Seeking technical review of Zoning Ordinance for Illegal, outdated aspects and overall conformance with current best practices in zoning.
 - Motion to empower Cronin to discuss specifics of a contract with Community Imagine Builders, to be shared with the Planning Commission before execution by Cronin, seconded by Griffis. Motion carried.
6. Presentation on Zoning Ordinance by Ollila.
 - Discussion of 12.2 Zoning Permits, Ollila recommends striking F.2 as it was in error. Contradicts correct statement in 12.2, 1.
 - Motion by Cronin to strike 12.2, 3.F.2, seconded by Griffis. Motion carried.
 - Discussion of 2.19, pertaining to chickens. Will be part of review by consultant and status quo remains.
7. Soldan presented on Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO) research. Webinar suggested that Township adopt CREO conforming with county CREO. EGLE is working on a boilerplate CREO but it is not currently ready.
8. No public comments
9. Motion to Adjourn by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Will Cronin, Secretary