

**Winterfield Township
Planning Commission Meeting and
Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing Minutes
June 13, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll call was taken: Shelly Laughlin, Julie Traynor, Andrew Laughlin and Bob Dunlap were present. Absent: George Freiberg.

Also present: Todd Flint, Adam Young from Wade Trim, Bonnie Blackledge, Dan Blackledge, Carl Traynor, and Scott Peterson.

The agenda was approved. Motion by Shelly, 2nd by Julie

Minutes of the April 11, 2023, meeting were read and approved with no changes or additions. Motion by Julie, 2nd by Bob.

Old Business

Zoning Ordinance Review with Wade Trim phone conference

New Business

Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing – Motion to open the Public Hearing made by Shelly, 2nd by Julie.

Adam spoke at the open of the meeting explaining the new changes to the Zoning Ordinance are due to changing laws, omissions, errors, cross reference wording, the Master Plan wording was referenced, emerging topics, and the Zoning map changes per the Master Plan. He said the Planning Commission had many meetings and a draft was compiled.

Public comments were presented by Dan Blackledge, Bonnie Blackledge, Scott Peterson, Todd Flint, Carl Traynor, and Mark Hammar emailed written comments that were read aloud.

After all comments were presented, motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Julie, and 2nd by Bob.

Adam Young proceeded with the regular meeting and addressed the comments and concerns that were made during the Public Hearing with open discussion. He will also follow up with Mark Hammar in an email, because he was absent from the meeting discussion of his public comment.

Adam noted that the Zoning Ordinance can be amended at any time with the same process as we currently are doing, and the Master Plan is reviewed every five years. It was noted that the wording for home occupations will be lessened, so it is clear there is no permit required. The Planning Commission agreed to present the Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments to the Township Board for adoption.

The summary of the Zoning Ordinance will be published in the Clare County Cleaver as required by State law.

A motion was made by Julie and 2nd by Shelly to recommend to the Township Board the Zoning Ordinance proposed amendments for adoption.

Zoning Administrator Report

Todd Flint reported a resident wanted to apply for a permit but didn't follow through.

Public Comment

None

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 pm by Bob, 2nd by Julie.
Shelly Laughlin, Secretary