

Minutes of
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 25, 2023



Call to Order: Chairperson Baker called the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

Commissioners

in Attendance: Dean Baker, Chair
Jamie Costigan
Dave Hopper
Chris Moore
Kevin Sclesky

Absent: Ruth Ann Hines
George Mansour

Consultants Present:

Julia Upfal, Giffels Webster
Summer Aldred, Giffels Webster

Staff Present:

Laura Moreau, Supervisor
Joan Rusch, Planning Administrator

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Sclesky moved to proceed with the agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Moore. Vote: Yes: Baker, Costigan, Hopper, Moore, Sclesky. No: None. Absent: Hines, Mansour. Motion approved.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Hopper stated that the dedication for Hartman Meadows will be this coming Friday, July 28 at 3:30 p.m. He also noted that there will be a memorial walk for Margaret Tippen on September 30 at 10:00 a.m. to raise awareness for pedestrian safety.

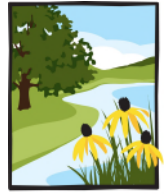
Approval of Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Sclesky moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Hopper. Vote: Yes: Baker, Costigan, Hopper, Moore, Sclesky. No: None. Absent: Hines, Mansour. Motion approved.

1) Approve minutes of June 27, 2023, Regular Meeting

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Sean R. Miller, Clerk



Old Business:

1. Master Plan – Discussion on Action Plan

Ms. Upfal explained that this month the Commissioners would discuss the Action Plan and next month the Future Land Use map would be discussed. After that, a draft of the entire Master Plan would be developed. She stated that the actions are meant to align with the goals and objectives created earlier. She reminded the Commissioners that this is a draft to be discussed and edited as needed. This is the time for the Commissioners to share input for this proposed Action Plan.

Ms. Upfal explained the differences between goals, objectives, and actions. She explained that there are four categories of actions – zoning, advocacy, capital improvements, and others. There are some considerations to keep in mind when reviewing action items. Actions are not a checklist. This is a long-term vision for a 15-20 year plan. These action items may or may not be achieved. The action plan provides a flexible framework that the Township can look to as the plan is being implemented. Many action items use verbs like “explore” and “review” because these are best practices that may or may not be feasible at the time. This gives the Planning Commission the opportunity to go deeper in depth and understand what is and isn’t a good fit for the long-term development of the Township. Zoning amendments will be studied individually following the adoption of the Master Plan. If an item is listed under zoning, that does not necessarily imply that the item will result in a zoning amendment. The final implementation plan will assign responsible parties and timelines for each action item. This is a key component to ensure that items do get addressed.

The Commissioners took part in an activity that helped prioritize the different action items. They also indicated items that they disagreed with or had questions on. The Commissioners then discussed the results of this activity. The planners made notes and will revise the Action Plan based on this feedback.

Ms. Upfal reminded the Commissioners that the Master Plan is a vision for the Township for the next 15 to 20 years. The Master Plan will be reviewed in another five years and updated as necessary.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sclesky moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Supported by Commissioner Moore. Vote: Yes: Baker, Costigan, Hopper, Moore, Sclesky. No: None. Absent: Hines, Mansour. Motion approved.

Joan Rusch, Recording Secretary