

**MINUTES**  
**CASCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday December 20, 2022**

Members Present: Keith Teltow, James Edwards, Gina Kaszynski, Gerald Keller, Dan Hill, John Sarcone

Members Absent: Sue Coppens

Others Present: Planner Steve Cassin, Planner Karen Laverne, Supervisor Joe Stevens, Anthony Tremonti, John O'Brien

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Teltow.

**2. THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

The pledge was led by Member Sarcone.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion was made by Member Edwards and supported by Member Keller to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Hill, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone, Teltow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Member Edwards made a motion and supported by Member Kaszynski to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Hill, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone, Teltow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

Anthony Tremonti asked if there are any other developments like Great Lakes Trucking coming before the Planning Commission for review. John O'Brien asked the Planning Commission to stick to the current Master Plan concerning Great Lakes Truck terminal.

At this point Planner Cassin stated that all discussion concerning Great Lakes Trucking must cease. Any further discussion could be considered an informal public hearing on the matter and place Casco Township in legal jeopardy. Supervisor Stevens briefed the Members that the Township received one bid for the development of Phase 1 of Casco Township Belle River Park. Also, it was stated that Casco Township was successful in securing a Michigan DNR Passport Grant for development of Phase 2 of the park.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by member Kaszynski to open the public hearing for the Casco township recreational plan. Supported by member Hill.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Hill, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone, Teltow.

Nays: none.

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Planner Laverne outlined the Recreation plan, which is to serve as a guide to the township and how it plans to provide recreational opportunities to the community. The plan contains current demographics, administrative structure, and natural features. The goals and objectives were also outlined by Planner Laverne. Once the plan is approved it will be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources. Anthony Tremonti asked if there would be hunting allowed in the park. Supervisor Stevens responded that no hunting will be allowed. Supervisor Stevens informed the Members and audience that it is hoped to develop a water trail along Belle River from Memphis to Marine City. Also, it is hoped that a land trail from Richmond to St. Clair be constructed along Fred Moore Hwy. Casco Township Belle River Park is where both the water and land trails meet.

Motion by Member Sarcone to close the public hearing for the Casco township recreational plan. Supported by member Kaszynski.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Hill, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone, Teltow.

Nays: none.

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Hoop Buildings** – There was a discussion involving hoop buildings. Members discussed the differences between agricultural, commercial, and residential use, and whether they are considered temporary or permanent. Planner Cassin stated that hoop buildings are considered temporary structure.

- b. **Site Plan Review Procedures** – It was decided that discussion on this topic will be postponed until the January or February meeting.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None.

**10. PLANNERS REPORT**

Planner Cassin informed the Members that RJ Logistics located on Bethuy Road will be approaching the Planning Commission to submit a revised site plan. Planner Cassin also briefed the Members on proposed legislation to preempt local regulations of AirBNBs.

**11. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Member Sarcone and supported by Member Keller to adjourn at 7:49 P.M.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Hill, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone, Teltow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The next regular meeting of the Casco Township Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Casco Township Hall, 4512 Meldrum Road.

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Dan Hill, Secretary  
Casco Township Planning Commission