

MINUTES
CASCO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 17, 2023

Members Present: James Edwards, Gina Kaszynski, Gerald Keller, John Sarcone
Members Absent: Keith Teltow, Sue Coppens, Dan Hill
Others Present: Planner Karen Laverne, Supervisor Joe Stevens, Zachary Kneisler, and one township resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Member Keller.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Member Keller and supported by Member Kaszynski to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Keller made a motion to amend the agenda by postponing the election of Planning Commission officers until the February 21, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. Member Sarcone seconded the motion.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Supervisor Stevens gave an update on the progress of the Casco Township Belle River Park, as well an effort to obtain funds to pave a half-mile of Bethuy Road in Casco's Industrial District.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Hoop Buildings** – Planner Laverne noted that her research did not discover much regulating hoop buildings in other communities. She handed out modified language to Section 65 which regulates Accessory Buildings, defining what hoop building are constructed as well as their use. The members debated the nature of an accessory building. Member Sarcone stated that hoop buildings are not covered in the Michigan building codes. He went on to comment that it would be confusing to include hoop buildings in the same category as permanent accessory buildings. Member Edwards stated that since other communities are not regulating hoop buildings, Casco shouldn't as well.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Revised Site Plan Review – ZLM Services, LLC, 9422 Marine City Hwy** – Member Sarcone recused himself from the discussion since he is part owner of ZLM Services. At this point Vice Chairperson Edwards noted that the Planning Commission lacked a quorum to make a vote on the revised site plan. It was decided at that point to postpone any action on ZLM Services until the February 21, 2023, Planning Commission meeting. Member Sarcone rejoined the Planning Commission.
- b. **Election of Planning Commission Officers** – Postponed until the February 21, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.
- c. **Set 2023 Meeting Dates, Time, and Location** – Vice Chairperson Edwards read the dates of the 2023 Planning Commission meeting dates as follows; Tuesday, February 21, Tuesday, March 21, Tuesday, April 18, Tuesday, May 16, Tuesday, June 20, Tuesday, July 18, Tuesday, August 15, Tuesday, September 19, Tuesday, October 17, Tuesday, November 21, Tuesday, December 19, and Tuesday, January 16, 2024. It was noted that all the listed meeting dates will commence at 7:00 P.M., at the Casco Township Hall, 5215 Meldrum Road, Casco, Michigan.

Motion was made by Member Kaszynski and supported by Member Sarcone to set the 2023 Planning Commission meeting dates, time, and location.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

10. PLANNERS REPORT

Planner Laverne had no Planner's Report to present. Supervisor Stevens asked Planner Laverne to investigate modifications to Casco's Master Plan, specifically redesignating the description of the Industrial District to Light Industrial.

11. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Sarcone and supported by Member Keller to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

Ayes: Members Edwards, Kaszynski, Keller, Sarcone

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

The next regular meeting of the Casco Township Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the Casco Township Hall, 4512 Meldrum Road.

Dan Hill, Secretary
Casco Township Planning Commission