



Meeting Minutes Draft

Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 7:00 p.m. ·

Present 5

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance -- Southwell
- III. Roll Call of Members Present
 1. Present Southwell, Shaw, Fletemier, Buttermore, Bond
 2. Also Present Shearer
- IV. Adoption of Agenda – Southwell
 1. Motion to Adopt agenda by Fletemier, supported by Shaw
 - Motion Carried
- V. Adoption of the Minutes of last meeting
 1. Motion to Approve as written by Shaw, supported by Bond
 - Motion carried
- VI. Declaration of conflict of Interest
 1. None
- VII. Public Comment
 1. Shearer
 - Removal of a PC member – Members have a 3 year Term
 - Referring to the Red Book Chapter 15 Page 353 and 354
 - Letter From Blair to Rhonda dated March 20 2024 informing Rhonda that she will not be reappointed to the Planning Commission
 - Would like to appoint Karen Brozovich at the Township Board Meeting April 3 2024
 - Shaw in response – History has been that carryover members return should they wish.
 - Issue tabled as this is a Township Board Responsibility and not the Planning Commission.
- VIII. Report of Township Board Representative to Planning Commission – Shaw
 1. Nothing to report.

IX. Report of Planning Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Buttermore

1. None

X. Planning Commission Members Comments and Input

1. None

XI. Old Business

1. Election of officers

- Chair, Vice Chair / Secretary
- Motion to move to New Business Fletemier Bond
 - Motion Carried

2. Short Term Rentals – input from lawyer in response to questions developed in January meeting. Discussion and Decision

- Motion by Fletemier: The Planning Commission concurs with the ruling in case 359300 Berlin vs Rubin stating that Short Term Rentals are a commercial activity and as such should only be allowed in Commercial and Industrial Zoned areas.
 - Second by Bond.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
- Fletemier to draft revised zoning for Short Term Rentals Police power and zoning.
 - Review with Attorney
 - Determine if a referendum is the best path.

3. House Bills 5120 and 5121 (zoning for renewable energy)

- Information only. No action necessary. Ballot initiative to repeal is MTA backed. For information go to [Citizens for Local Choice \(micitizenschoice.org\)](http://micitizenschoice.org)
- Table pending guidance from MTA

XII. New Business

1. Election of officers

- Chairperson -
- Vice Chairperson/Secretary –
- With the addition of a May meeting to address Short Term Rentals, Elections can be held at the normal time of year.
 - Motion to table until May per Shaw Second Buttermore

XIII. Public Comment

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XIV. Confirm Date of Next Planning Commission Meeting.

- ~~Tuesday, June 4, 2024 7:00 p.m.~~
- Tuesday May 14 2024 7:00 p.m.

XV. Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Shaw supported by Fletemier

1. Adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Attested to:

Todd Fletemier, Secretary

Dave Southwell, Chairperson

These minutes are not official until approved by the Blue Lake Township Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting.