

Newton Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes November 1, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

Roll call was taken, members present – Stan Wawzysko, Michelle Barnes, Rick Westphal, SueAnn Jessup, & Richard Dowd Jr. Township officials present-Joyce Foondle and Troy Radcliff. Audience - Shann Leatherman

Agenda was approved. (1st Rick Westphal, 2nd Michelle Barnes)

Oct 2022 Minutes were read and approved with changes “Building Instructor” should say “Building Inspector” which was changed.

Old Business:

- Reviewed Article 23 changes all were approved
- Reviewed Article 24 changes all were approved. The copy we have was a typo 4. Should have been the start of a subgroup.

New Business:

- Article 22
 - 22.01 e. Change wording to “The word “person” includes any individual person as well as natural and legal entities.
 - 22.02 Definitions
 - Grammatical error under “Adult Bookstore...Video Store” – ‘anyone’ should word ‘any one (1)’.
 - Grammatical error under “Adult Cabaret...Night Club” – 3. Remove the period between or and visual.
 - Word change under “Alley” – change ‘affords’ to ‘provides’.
 - Change “Camping Vehicle” – See recreational vehicle
 - Look into further options for defining “Family” – review Ovid Townships definition and see if we would like to use.
 - Family. An individual or group of two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, together with foster children or servants of the principal occupants, with not more than two (2) additional unrelated persons, who are domiciled together as a single, domestic, housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit; or A collective number of individuals domiciled together in one (1) dwelling unit whose relationship is of a continuous, non-transient, domestic character and who are cooking and living as a single, nonprofit housekeeping unit. This definition shall not include any society, club, fraternity, sorority, association, lodge, coterie, organization or group of students or other individuals whose domestic relationship is of a transitory or seasonal nature or for an anticipated limited duration of a school term or terms of other similar determinable periods.
 - Change “Farm” definition to match the MDARD definition for farm.
 - https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mdard/documents/environment/farmland/pa_116_eligibility_requirements.pdf?rev=0f0f12d6c2814085b36883a8eec39b09
 - Under “Flood Plain” add to the end – As determined by FEMA.
 - Look into further options for defining “Grade”

- Under “Kennel” both private and commercial, change to read ...dogs over 1 year...
 - Under “Master Plan” remove ‘very’ from the last sentence.
 - Under “Mini Storage” remove ‘a dead’.
 - Under “Mobile Home” remove ‘a vehicular’ and fix grammatical error ‘portable’
 - Under “Modular Housing Unit” remove ‘by flatbed, or other means,’ and ‘single family’.
 - Under “Off Street Parking Lot” change ‘A facility’ to ‘An area’.
 - Completely remove definition for “Open Space”
 - Under “Public Utility” remove ‘steam’, ‘telegraph’, as well as, ‘and, furnishing’.
- We reviewed definitions through “Public Utility”. We will start at “Recreation Area, Private” next meeting.

There were no comments from the audience.

Next meeting: Jan 3, 2023 – we will have election of officers and continue with Article 22.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted Michelle Barnes