

GARDEN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 30, 2022

The Meeting was called to order at 7p.m

Members present: Mark Bullard, Jodi Durrance, Tracy Waeghe, Frank Williams and Janet Feenstra Daasch, ex officio. Garden Township Attorney, Michael Homier was present via zoom.

Members Absent: None      Public Present: Steve Freeman

Michael congratulated all members for their appointment to the Garden Township Planning Commission and verified that all took the oath of office.

There was a call for public comment, there was no comment.

The Garden Township Board passed the Planning Commission Ordinance which was published in the Daily Press. Michael stated that since there was no referendum in the 63 days after it was published, the Garden Township Planning Commission has lawful existence.

Commission Business: Purpose of the meeting is to review the by-laws sent by the township attorney. There was Commission discussion on several areas of the by-laws. Mark asked if the ex officio member, Janet Feenstra Daasch had a vote on the Commission. Michael said yes, she has a vote. Her term is different than the other members in that it goes along with her term in office. There were some revisions in the text at 2. 3, and 8.2. At 5.4, the agenda was discussed and Michael said he would send samples for the agenda. The budget was discussed in Rule 9. The Township Board will create a budget.

Mark made a motion to adopt the By-laws as revised. Frank seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried. Next, the members elected officers for the Commission. Frank nominated Mark Bullard for Chair and Janet seconded the nomination. Mark discussed the time commitment for serving on the Commission. After some discussion, there was a call for other nominations, with no other nominations, the Commission voted for the Chair, 5 yes for Mark as Chair. Mark then took over chairing the meeting. Mark asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Janet nominated Frank, and Tracy seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mark called for a vote. Five yes, 0 no. Motion carried. Mark called for a nomination for Secretary. Janet nominated Tracy, and Frank seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for Secretary. The Chair called for a vote. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

The next item was to set a date for a special meeting to vote on the Interim Zoning Ordinance. It will be forwarded to the members to review before the next meeting. This Ordinance would last three years to give the Commission time to develop a Master Plan and create a permanent zoning ordinance. Michael stated that the Commission is a public body, there is a need for retention of documents, notices for special meetings need to be posted 18 hours before the meeting. There was discussion on email communications and not discussing any policy issues except at a meeting. The next meeting date was set for July 10, 2022. Frank made a motion to adjourn, Janet seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Janet Feenstra Daasch

