



Conway Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
 Monday, July 10th, 2023 | 7:00pm EST
 Conway Township Hall | 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Agenda	Items Discussed	Actions to be Taken
Attendees	PC Members Present: Jeff Klein, Meghan Swain-Kuch, George Pushies - Ex-Officio, Shawn Morrison, Lucas Curd, and Kayla Poissant Absent- Dave Whitt Zoning Administrator – Gary Klein Livingston County Planning Commissioner: Dennis Bowdoin Township Attorney: Abby Cooper, JD, Absent- Michael D. Homier	None
Call to Order/Pledge	Chair, M. Swain-Kuch called the Conway Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	None
Approval of Agenda	Motion to accept the meeting agenda as amended for July 10 th , 2023. Motion by L. Curd. Support by J. Klein. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
Approval of June 12th, 2023 Minutes	Motion to accept meeting minutes from June 12 th , 2023. Motion by S. Morrison. Support by J. Klein. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved
1st Call to the Public	Sarah Porter- Sober Rd.- She stated that the public comment policy used in this month’s packet was not the most updated policy. She also stated that she emailed the PC and Township officials and received no response back. She would like to know how the township is going to proceed with wind ordinances drafting. She asked if the PC had assignments to research or whether the PC was waiting for a draft from the attorney. She stated that she had done numerous different researches on wind ordinances, and asked if the PC would accept that research and input from the public. Steve Smith- Robb Rd.- He stated that he believes that small windmills for farmers makes senses to help power certain things. He stated that the tallest tree in Michigan	None

	is a 155 feet white pine, and that in this area a tall tree is considered at about 80-90 feet tall.	
Communications	<p>a. Zoning Administrator Report: G. Klein reported that there were five Land Use Permits last month (three for accessory buildings, two pool decks), and two permits for shingles.</p> <p>b. Livingston County Planning Commission Report: D. Bowdoin stated that he received would that the LCPC would be reviewing the Conway Township Solar Ordinance at their next meeting on 7/19.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>
Old Business	<p>a. Shipping Containers (Accessory/Principal Use)- M. Swain-Kuch stated that the draft was in the packet. She also stated that she would like to see at least on three sides screening all away around the shipping containers. There was discussion by all PC members. There were concerns about the enforceability of screening, and if it would be appropriate to screen the container to that extent. K. Poissant asked about whether the container could be from the front face of the house back instead of just in the rear of the house. This was discussion on this from all PC members as well. Temporary storage was also discussed. A question was the public was asked about homeowners that already shipping containers on their property after an ordinance is passed by the township. A. Cooper responded that the homeowner with a pre-existing container would be “grandfathered-in” as long as the container was not in violation at the time the ordinance goes into effect or becomes a bigger violation afterwards. It was agreed to allow the containers in the side yards as well as the rear yard, and it was agreed that the screening would stay, but at the discretion of the zoning administrator, it can be brought in front of the PC. It was also agreed to review the draft again next meeting before scheduling a public hearing.</p>	None

	<p>b. Zoning Ordinance on Windmills Update Mr. Homier was not in attendance to address the update. Mr. Homier said he was on his way to M. Swain-Kuch, and he did not send a draft of the ordinance before the meeting. This will be continued on in the next month.</p> <p>c. House Bills 4526, 4527, 4528 (Sand/Gravel) Update M. Swain-Kuch stated that she submitted a card against the bills in her own name, not associated with the township due to the language of pre-empting local control. She said a lot of opposition to the bills, and that the bills will be taken up in the fall.</p> <p>d. 2022 Proposed Zoning Ordinances- Event Barns and Accessory Dwelling Units M. Swain-Kuch stated that these ordinances were being looked at by the prior PC and had been reviewed by the LCPC, but not sent for approval to the Township Board. K. Poissant asked about separating commercial purposes from residential/private uses of the barn/accessory building. A. Cooper stated that she believes that there is some work still to do on this ordinance, including what K. Poissant stated. K. Poissant she wanted to make sure that private uses would not be included in this ordinance, and only commercial purposes. She also mentioned the amplification of sound portion only in the dwelling would not be possible in this type of venue. G. Pushies asked G. Klein about the how the Township enforces the noise ordinance now, and G. Klein stated that the Township doesn't enforce it currently. K. Poissant also mentioned about the dancing outside of the dwelling. D. Bowdoin stated that the recommendation came from Brighton Township, and that they found out moving the entertainment inside the building it cut down the size of the event. It was discussed about the size of the events that could take place. K. Poissant stated that the capacity of the event could be limited to the capacity of the dwelling. It was also discussed about the usage of portal restrooms versus a restroom building with septic. M. Swain-Kuch recommended that the PC</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
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	review the drafts for next month, and bring any questions or concerns to the next meeting.	
New Business	None at this time.	None
Commission Discussion	S. Morrison asked D. Bowdoin about the radius of wind turbines around the airport. D. Bowdoin stated that the wind turbines could not be in the five-mile radius around any airport.	None
Last Call to the Public	<p>Mike Brown- Sober Rd.- He brought up whether there would be a maximum number of shipping containers on individual properties. He stated that he was happy to hear the PC going more towards the Township's accessory building language on shipping containers. He also stated that he is familiar with wedding barn events, and that a lot of the events in the area use portable restrooms. He also mentioned that they use a lot of tents, and do tend to keep the doors of the barn open.</p> <p>Steve Smith- Robb Rd.- He stated that he appreciated K. Poissant's comment on separating private versus commercial usages on the event barn ordinance.</p>	None
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn at 7:58pm. Motion by G. Pushies. Support by J. Klein. Motion Approved.	Motion Approved

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Kayla Poissant

Kayla Poissant,
PC Secretary

Meghan Swain-Kuch,
PC Chair