

Exeter Township Planning Commission Minutes September 5, 2023

Exeter Township Planning Commission chairperson, David Schafer, called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Roger Bezek, Philip Bruck, David Schafer, Robert Post, Kyle Preston
Excused: Ameer Runyan

Note: there were two (2) township residents in attendance.

Correction / Approval of Agenda:

The Planning Commission members reviewed the meeting agenda. There were no corrections or additions.

❖ **Motion: David Schafer, 2nd Robert Post:** To accept the meeting agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes:

The Planning Commission meeting minutes from July 11, 2023 were emailed to commission members. There were no corrections.

NOTE: Scheduled August Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to lack of business.

❖ **Motion: Philip Bruck, 2nd David Schafer:** To accept the July 11, 2023 Exeter Township Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

First Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

1). The proposed revision of the township Solar / Wind Energy ordinance was forwarded to the township planner and attorney for review. They are anticipating the review to be completed before the October board meeting.

New Business:

1). Potential issues for planning commission review:

- A). Residence with the less than minimum square footage living space (commonly called “small houses”). Philip Bruck reported that the property owner has moved these “structures” behind the existing (main) home and are now considered to be “accessory buildings”.
- B). David Schafer reported that there is proposed legislation (State of Michigan) which would allow the Michigan Public Services Commission to conduct all site reviews and siting decisions concerning large commercial scale energy projects. This proposed authority would have the power to suspend or over-rule local ordinances. David Schafer suggested that township and planning commission officials be prepared to contact their state of Michigan legislators.
- C). Keeping and raising poultry and “4-H animals” on small acreage parcels. Philip Bruck stated that the planning commission should revise the current ordinance to allow property owner to keep small flocks of poultry and animals for “4-H projects”. This will be placed on the agenda for the October planning commission meeting. Verbiage from the 2011 proposed ordinance review will be sent to commission member for consideration.

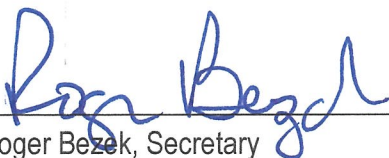
Second Public Comment:

1). Township residents asked what the current ordinance concerning the raising and keeping of poultry.

2). The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Township Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday October 3, 2023 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Exeter Township Hall.

Motion: Robert Post, 2nd Kyle Preston: To adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Bezek, Secretary
Exeter Township Planning Commission