

Hayes Township Planning Commission
April 18th, 2023
Regular Meeting
Zoom ID 836 0148 1092

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Roy Griffiths called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Roy Griffiths (Chair), Steve Bulman, Derek Burnett, Marilyn Morehead, and Rex Greenslade

Excused: Matt Cunningham and Ed Bajos.

Also, present: April Hilton (Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary).

Audience: Fallen Carring, Ellis Boal, LuAnne Kozma, Kathy Martinchek, Vic Martinchek, Janet Simon, Carl Harmon, Kim Fary, Betty Henne, Chelsea Mills, Mark Hosmer, Shelly VanWart, Ron Hilton, Tim Boyko, and Bud Borus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Mr. Griffiths led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AGENDA:

Ms. Morehead made a motion, supported by Mr. Bulman to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Derek Burnett, Steve Bulman, Roy Griffiths, Rex Greenslade, and Marilyn Morehead

Nays: none **Motion Carries**

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 28TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Greenslade made a motion, supported by Mr. Burnett, to approve the March 28th, 2023, regular meeting minutes as corrected.

Yeas: Derek Burnett, Steve Bulman, Roy Griffiths, Rex Greenslade, and Marilyn Morehead.

Nays: none **Motion Carries**

PUBLIC COMMENTS UNRELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS:

Public comments opened at 7:04 pm.

- Resident stated he will be representing the interveners in court against Rieth Riley and has asked the Township to join in the lawsuit against Rieth Riley.
- Resident would like the Zoning Administrator report to show addresses. Also presented a list of documents they have personally FOIA requested over the past year.
- Resident believes that Horton Creek is in danger due to the mineral extraction by Rieth Riley.
- Resident expressed their concern for the phase 7 mineral extraction from Rieth Riley putting residents well water and Horton Creek at risk.

Public comments closed at 7:15 pm

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REPORT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Next meeting May 8th, 2023.

REPORT OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPRESENTATIVE:

Hearing Scheduled for May 24th, 2023.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Written report available at Hayes Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS-

REVIEW OF ADVISORY GROUP ACTIVITY:

Mr. Burnett presented the Planning Commission with a review of the Advisory Group's most recent meeting activity. Next Meeting is May 10th, 2023.

UPDATE ON ZONING ORDINANCE EDITS:

Ms. Morehead made a motion, supported by Mr. Bulman to approve holding off the discussion of the Zoning Ordinance draft until the Advisory Committee is complete with their discussions.

Yeas: Derek Burnett, Steve Bulman, Roy Griffiths, Rex Greenslade, and Marilyn Morehead.

Nays: none **Motion Carries**

RECAP/DISCUSSION LIAA, LAKE CHARLEVOIX ASSOCIATION/ TIPP OF THE MITT MARCH PRESENTATION:

Planning Commission members discussed their questions and concerns they had after the presentation from LIAA. Planning Commission members also discussed what they foresee for future goals and protection for the Shoreline. The planning commission would like to see improvement in quality of the lakes within the Township. Members Agreed each Lake within the Township needs to be discussed individually to best achieve these goals. The Planning Commission will consider all suggestions from LIAA, Lake Charlevoix Association and Tipp of the MITT organizations.

OLD BUSINESS-

SET/CONFIRM PUBLIC HEARING DATES:

None

SET/CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Next Planning Commission meeting will take place on May 16th, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments open 7:40 pm.

Comments included:

- Resident requested the Zoning Ordinance be on the agenda at the following Planning Commission meeting.
 - Resident feels it is important that each body of water should be addressed individually. Also believes Rieth Riley has manipulated and abused their agreement with the Township.
 - Resident appreciates the intervenors and everyone that has been involved with the fight against Rieth Riley mineral extraction. Expressed their concern, that Rieth Riley is being reckless and would like the Township to stop any future extraction.
 - Resident is unsure what the Planning Commission goal is when rewriting the Zoning Ordinance.
 - Planning Commissioner from neighboring township suggested the planning commission members focus on sewer near the lake shore when considering shoreline protection.
 - Resident would like to see dates and address on the Zoning Administrator Report. Also referenced a meeting they had with Tippi of the MITT.
- Resident questioned what the Planning Commission is trying to solve by rewriting the Shoreline protection section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Public comments closed 7:57pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENT:

Mr. Burnett asked if dates could be added to the Zoning Administrator report. He will follow up his questions with the Zoning Administrator.

Mr. Griffiths reminded the residents the Planning Commission members can not address the residents concerns regarding the Rieth Riley or Emmet County properties. Informed the Residents of the letter posted on the Township website from the township attorney regarding Rieth Riley mineral extraction.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Greenslade made a motion, supported by Ms. Morehead, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Yeas: Derek Burnett, Steve Bulman, Roy Griffiths, Marilyn Morehead, and Rex Greenslade.

Nays: none **Motion Carries**

Respectfully Submitted by:
April Hilton
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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