Members: Bob Hagen, Don Kline (Vice Chair), Karen McClain, Marisa McGlue,

Patti Sargent, Stephen Niezgoda

Recording Secretary Julie Goericke, Zoning Administrator William Schmiege and

Code Enforcement Officer Jon Howell

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

1. Roll Call: Members Present: Bob Hagen, Karen McClain, Marisa McGlue, Patti Sargent, Stephen Niezgoda, and Don Kline.
2. Agenda Approval. Sargent moved to approve the agenda with the date correction. McGlue seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The agenda stands approved.
3. Meeting Minutes Approval: June 18, 2024. Sargent moved to approve the minutes. Hagen seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The June 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes stand approved.
4. Public Comment. None
5. Michigan Public Act 233-Bill Schmiege. Schmiege reported that upon meeting with our new attorney, Michael D. Homier, there is interest in building a CREO, a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance. The CREO would have 4 parts: solar, wind, energy storage, and a renewable energy overlay. This CREO would apply to Solar Energy with a name plate of 50 megawatts or more, Wind energy with a name plate of 100 megawatts or more, and Energy Storage with a name plate of 50 megawatts or more. The fourth part, the renewable energy overlay is able to address the location of renewable energy, such as placement in a brown field. With such an overlay, the township would have an approved area for renewable energy. These amendments to our Solar Ordinance would be:
   1. Renewable Energy Overlay Ordinance #60-2024
   2. Solar Ordinance #61-2024
   3. Wind Ordinance #62-2024
   4. Energy Storage Ordinance #63-2024

Hagen moved to send Ordinance #60-2024 to a public hearing dated August 12th, 2024, 7pm, for consideration of adoption and sending it to the Township Board. Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bob Hagen - Yes, Karen McClain - Yes, Marisa McGlue - No, Patti Sargent - Yes, Stephen Niezgoda – Yes, and Don Kline – Yes. The motion passes with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Sargent moved to send Ordinance #61-2024 to a public hearing dated August 12th, 2024, 7pm, for consideration of adoption and sending it to the Township Board. McClain seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bob Hagen - Yes, Karen McClain - Yes, Marisa McGlue - Yes, Patti Sargent - Yes, Stephen Niezgoda – Yes, and Don Kline – Yes. The motion passes with 6 yes votes.

McClain moved to send Ordinance #62-2024 to a public hearing dated August 12th, 2024, 7pm,

for consideration of adoption and sending it to the Township Board. Sargent seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bob Hagen - Yes, Karen McClain - Yes, Marisa McGlue - Yes, Patti Sargent - Yes, Stephen Niezgoda – Yes, and Don Kline – Yes. The motion passes with 6 yes votes.

Sargent moved to send Ordinance #63-2024 to a public hearing dated August 12th, 2024, 7pm, for consideration of adoption and sending it to the Township Board. McClain seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bob Hagen - Yes, Karen McClain - Yes, Marisa McGlue - Yes, Patti Sargent - Yes, Stephen Niezgoda – Yes, and Don Kline – Yes. The motion passes with 6 yes votes.

1. WRT Correspondence – Patti Sargent. Sargent reported that one land split was completed. Sargent also had a question from a resident about the Indian Bay Road End.
2. Zoning Administrator Report – Bill Schmiege. Schmiege reported that he has checked on some camping situations.
3. WRT Code Enforcement Officer Report – Jon Howell. Howell reported that all the life preservers are in place at the pier and the 911 phone is in working order.
4. Old Business
5. Town Hall Meeting of July 11, 2024. McGlue and Niezgoda attended the Town Hall. Two WRT residents attended and there was a good discussion. The next Town Hall will be on August 8th, 6:30-8pm. The topic is, ‘Tiny Housing and Planned Developments’, and McGlue and McClain will be in attendance.
6. Master Plan. Susan Lloyd is working on revisions of the Community Attitude/Opinion Survey Summary Chapter Draft.
7. WRT Master Plan First Draft. Kline reported that the Planning Commission’s goal is to have this ready to submit to the Township Board in September. Kline is looking for more input with the Future Land Use Maps.
8. Planning Commission Member Comments. None.
9. Public Comment. None.
10. Elect new chairperson. Kline volunteered to chair the Planning Commission for the next 5 months, through December 2024. Sargent moved to nominate Kline as the Planning Commission Chair for the next 5 months. McGlue seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Kline stands approved as the Planning Commission Chair through December 2024. Sargent moved to appoint Karen McClain as the new vice-chair. McGlue seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. McClain stands approved as the new vice-chair.
11. Adjourn. Sargent moved to adjourn. Niezgoda seconded. The meeting stands adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Goericke, Deputy Clerk

Patti Sargent, Clerk