

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2022 5:00PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Shaffer at 5:02.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Irvine, Phil Bontrager, Larry Shaffer, Lou Lundquist, Christine Lundquist, and by zoom, Jeff Cuthbertson & Nancy Griswold

AGENDA: The agenda was adopted on a motion by Jenny with support by Lou.

MINUTES: The minutes of October 6, 2022 were approved on motion by Christine with support by Jenny.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

MASTER PLAN REVIEW: A new draft of the Master Plan was distributed to committee members. Julia Cogger joined the meeting via zoom. Julia noted that most of what needed to be reviewed started back on page 49. Changes in proposed zones were briefly discussed. Christine indicated that she did not think it was reasonable to hand out a new draft at the beginning of the meeting and expect significant input or any action by the Commission. Heather, the Township's Office Administrator, suggested the Zoning Administrator be included in future meetings that included adjustments to zones within the Township. Other members agreed with Christine and Heather. The discussion of zoning was set aside until members had time for closer review and the Zoning Administrator could be present.

Julia moved to the section on the "Action Plan". After a brief review, the Commission indicated they would like more time to review this, too. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to obtain revised drafts at least a few days before meetings in the future.

Larry suggested scheduling a meeting for next week to review the draft again. After discussion, a meeting was scheduled for Tuesday at 4:00.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT GRANT: Julia reviewed discussions that have taken place and her efforts to create a chapter that could be adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan after the State gives its input on the grant. She indicated it could be close to a year before things are finalized with the State, so we should not hold up the Master Plan process. She noted actions that might be necessary to the grant process, conceivably including another survey, more specific to water front and water quality issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT: An audience member asked about the duration of the contract with CUPPAD related to the Master Plan. She also asked that public input sessions be scheduled. Julia indicated that CUPPAD would fulfill its obligations related to the Master Plan regardless of the contract date. Larry indicated that an additional contract should not be necessary, but the need for a formal extension is under review. Christine suggested the scheduling of public meetings should wait until the committee was satisfied with a draft document that could be shared. Hopefully that will happen in the near future and a schedule of public meetings and schedule for completion can be adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lou with support by Phil to adjourn the meeting.