

Nelson Township Planning Commission

May 19th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Nelson Township Municipal Building
2 Maple Street
Sand Lake, Michigan 49343

Minutes

The Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Stolk, Wier, DeJong, Mahoney, Wall and Covell. Absent: Litwinchuk

Also, Present: Zoning Administrator, Gross, Clerk, Hoffman and others on the sign in sheet.

Approval of the Planning Commission Agenda: Wier made motion to accept; DeJong seconded. All-yes, absent Litwinchuk

Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes from March 17th, 2021: Wier made the motion; DeJong seconded. All-Yes, absent Litwinchuk

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:01 and closed at 7:02

- a. Resident Brian Beckett praised Jerry Gross for the good job he does as Zoning Administrator

New Business:

- a. Ballot Initiative on the August Ballot. Discussion on the Planning Commission writing an ordinance if the Initiative passes. Discussion on the location of where, if the Initiative passes, would be the best area for a grow facility.

- b. Discussion on combining the Township and Village Planning Commission.

1. Stolk will resign if it goes thru
2. Wall is not for it but he supports the Village as always
3. Wier stated he was in agreement with Stolk
4. Covell said he would try it for a while to see how it goes
5. DeJong is not for it, too many unknowns
6. Mahoney would like more information from the Village
7. Litwinchuk – absent

The Planning Commission as a whole would like to hear from the Village of Sand Lake in person.

Old Business:

- a. Zoning Administrator Gross gave an update on Pour Michigan Wine Barn. The project is progressing but slowly. They are in process of purchasing the property.

Extended Commissioners Comments: Wall asked about Windmill farms. Gross stated that our ordinance is quite restrictive. There was also a brief discussion on solar farms.

Adjournment: Without objection the Planning Commission was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 18th, 2021

Recording Secretary: Susan VanEnk