

HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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MINUTES FROM 05/28/2024 REGULAR MEETING
(By Anita Szabo, Recording Secretary)

Members present: R. Draeger; J. Duszynski; A. Faist; N. Hawley; T. Kinch; R. Troman; A. Wellington

Also present: A. Grimes, Township Supervisor

1. Call to Order

- Meeting officially called to order at 7:41 p.m. (upon conclusion of Public Hearing immediately preceding)

2. Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from 04/23/2024 meeting were reviewed.
 - o R. Troman pointed out that reference to Pleasant Bay Association still not correct; needs to be changed to Pleasant Lake Civic Association.
- A motion to accept with correction made by J. Duszynski, seconded by R. Troman, and passed unanimously by remaining members.

3. Public Comment

- None.

4. Township Official's Report (per A. Grimes)

- Date for Pleasant Lake fireworks has been set for July 5th, 2024, with rain date of July 6th, 2024.
- Pleasant Lake Fire Department's annual rummage sale will be held June 6-8, 2024.
- Work on current year's budget is concluding and it will hopefully be approved at the next meeting.
- A 3% pay increase for elected officials was approved.
- First Right of Refusal (for back taxes) was exercised on two properties (one on Kinch Road and one on White Lake).
- L-4029, governing 2024 tax rates, was approved.
- Additional road projects (Coon Hill; Territorial; Kinch) were added.
- A. Szabo asked for reiteration of why it was not possible for there to be more police presence in Henrietta Township and how this could be pursued.
 - o Per A. Grimes, just not enough money in the current budget and it would require a millage increase voted upon and approved by township residents.

5. Old Business

- Proposed text amendments to 2018 Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.
 - o N. Hawley distributed updated draft version of proposed amendments, asking all PC members to review and come prepared to discuss and hopefully decide upon at next meeting.

6. New Business

- Proposed ordinance text amendments (details pertaining to same provided to all in attendance via handouts composed by PC Chair N. Hawley).
 - o Article V, Residential District (R-1), Section 509e: Fences – Lake Property.
 - To add text (and possibly an image) for clarification purposes.
 - o Article XVI, Appeal Board, Section 1602: Variance.
 - To update text.
 - o Regulation of Utility-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).
 - Amendment/addition to current zoning ordinances.
- For informational purposes, the following two handouts, composed by PC Chair N. Hawley were also distributed to all in attendance:
 - o A proposed bill, currently under review, to require township planning commissions to consider local housing needs when developing or revising a Master Plan.
 - o The latest results/statistics from the 2024 Master Plan Opinion Survey conducted via social media.

7. Committees/Special Projects/Administrative

8. Public Comment/Open Discussion

- Dale Ferguson and Deborah Walsh, residents of Berry Road near new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combination store being built, asked for clarification of current zoning ordinance governing privacy fences.
 - o Clarification of same provided by PC Chair, N. Hawley.
- R. Troman mentioned a chance encounter with the General Manager for the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combination store being built (who lives locally) who said that the company prides itself on presenting and maintaining a clean/aesthetically pleasing property.

9. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn meeting was made by J. Duszynski, seconded by R. Draeger, and passed unanimously by remaining members.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.