

HENRIETTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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MINUTES FROM 06/25/2024 REGULAR MEETING
(By N. Hawley, Substitute Recording Secretary)

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

1. Call to Order

- Meeting officially called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of May 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from 05/28/2024 meeting were reviewed.
- A motion to accept as written made by A. Faist, seconded by T. Kinch, and passed unanimously by remaining members.

3. Public Comment

- None.

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

- Township Board Budget for F.Y. 2024-2025 has been approved.
- 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 Car/Tractor Show will be held July 21, 2024.
- Pleasant Lake Fire Department's annual Chicken BBQ will be August 24, 2024.
- The Jackson District Library Director, was present to answer any questions the board might have regarding the updating of the existing agreement between Henrietta Township and JDL's Henrietta Branch library. The JDL plans to update the building façade and interior.

5. Old Business

- The PC reviewed draft text clarification for Article V, Residential District (R-1), Section 509e: Fences – Lake Property-Lakefront fence update. The PC agreed the text update improved the interpretation.
- The PC reviewed draft text changes to ZBA Sec 1602- Variance F. The PC agreed the text change offered added flexibility.
- The PC discussed proposed text amendments to 2018 Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. There were questions concerning wildlife friendly fences and project developers aiming to keep wildlife from entering. Also reference to prime soils should reference soil categories from the Henrietta Township Natural Features Inventory and County Soil Survey. Change decommissioning time from 18 months to one year.

6. New Business

- Master Plan 2025-2030, continuing review of sections for possible text updates.
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ordinance development discussion was forwarded to next month on this emerging industry.
- The PC reviewed the Henrietta Township Planning Commission Annual Report 2023-2024. Motion to approve and send to the Township Board was made by R. Draeger, seconded by J. Duszynski, and passed unanimously by remaining members.
- Discussion on nuisance outdoor lights that brightly illuminate off property.
Note: A Zoning Ordinance “grandfathers” the use. Adding an outdoor nuisance light(s) that are purposely aimed to shine and/or trespass at an adjacent property in the Township Police Ordinance #40 Disorderly Person could address the nuisance in the short term.

Motion to recommend adding a sentence on outdoor nuisance lighting of high wattage and directed at neighbors, and forward to the Township Board was made by R. Draeger, seconded by T. Kinch, and passed unanimously by remaining members.

7. Committees/Special Projects/Administrative

- None

8. Public Comment/Open Discussion

- None

9. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn meeting was made by R. Draeger, seconded by A. Faist, and passed unanimously by remaining members.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m.