

August 24, 2021 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Craig VanMelle

Roll Call: Members present: Craig VanMelle, Tammy Taylor, Mike Krcatovich, Rose Ann Wendt, Brian McCartney-Zoning Administrator.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: Craig VanMelle made a motion supported by Mike Krcatovich to approve the Agenda for August 24, 2021 with a revision to New Business. Welcome to new board member, Erin Wright, will take place at the next board meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes Mike Krcatovich made a motion supported by Craig VanMelle to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a. Update on short term housing rentals
 - Craig VanMelle brought handouts with information regarding bills making their way through the House and Senate that would amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and take away local governments' ability to impose certain regulations on short-term rentals.
 - This is something that will continue to be followed closely.

New Business

- a. NA

Zoning Board of Appeals/Zoning Administrator Reports

- a. Brian McCartney brought the commission up to speed on another rental website that may impact Valley Township, Hipcamp. Property owners list their property on this website for camping vacation rentals.
 - This practice would not comply with the Township ordinances. The website appears to be open to removing posts if the Township makes such a request.
 - There have been 20 building permits issued since our last meeting in May.

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda Items/Public Comment

- a. NA

Adjournment:

Adjournment by acclamation at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted
Tammy Taylor, Secretary