

Vernon Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025

The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Nathan Charles, Janeene Temple, Russel Hilliker, John Wolf, Robert Corwin, and Ben Telford.

Absent: None.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned; Nathan Charles seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All yes; motion passed.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned Russ Hilliker seconded to approve the December 2, 2024, minutes, as presented. All yes; motion passed.

Public Comment:

Jay Janes was present to discuss the plans for Durand Lanes. There was also an inquiry into the proper zoning. Durand Lanes was informed that the zoning for that property was light industrial, making their operation as a bowling alley illegal and non-conforming. The clerk will meet with McKenna later in the week and discuss with them the issue.

New Business:

Nathan Charles has stepped down as Planning Commission Chair due to being elected township trustee. The Planning Commission needs a new chair. Janeene Temple has indicated that she would like to fill that position.

Motion: Janeene Temple motioned, and Rob Corwin seconded to appoint Janeene Temple as the new Chairperson for the Planning Commission: Roll Call, all yes. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Holiday Shores/ Leisure Lake:

McKenna was unable to attend this meeting. However, they did send a memo outlining the options available to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission would like them present to field questions. The clerk will request that they attend the next meeting.

Lucky's Pets:

Lucky's Pets was on the agenda for an update from McKenna on the progress being made. They were not available at the meeting. However, they did communicate to the Planning Commission through the clerk that it was not ready to be presented to the Planning Commission for any action. Representatives for Lucky's Pets were present at the meeting and tried to get the commission to review what they had. However, it has not been

presented to McKenna, and no report has been prepared for the Planning Commission from McKenna. The Planning Commission declined to review the plans and no action was taken.

Staff Communications:

A notice of intent to update a master plan for the Village of Byron was sent to the clerk's office indicating that the Village has initiated the process to update its master plan.

Commissioner Comments:

John Wolf would like the commission to revisit the M-2 zoning for the township. This project was brought up last year but never really got started. He would like to revisit the location of potential M-2 zoning, how much the township should allocate within the township, what the current regulations for M-2 zoning are and whether they are enough, and examples of uses that could be M-2.

The next planning commission meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Motion: John Wolf motioned; Russ Hilliker seconded to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Susan Bannister
Recording Secretary
Vernon Township Clerk