

Bainbridge Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes
February 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Josh Blonde at Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Rd, Watervliet, Michigan 49098 at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Burghdoff, Josh Blonde, Jim Doroh, Ron Bjes, Dave Peden, Chad Yetzke
Melissa Morlock attending at 7:55 p.m.

Absent: Don Baiers

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OPENED 7:01pm CLOSED 7:03pm

Steve MacMillian asked members when he should inquire about Re-zoning and Land Division. He was asked to address the Board at the end of the "Business" item on agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion entertained by Josh Blonde to approve Minutes of January 23, 2023

Voice Vote: with the correction of the spelling of Larry Burghdoff's last name.

**All in Favor
Motion Passed**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by C. Yetzke / D. Peden to approve agenda.

Secretary called roll: C. Yetzke, D. Peden, R. Bjes, J. Doroh, J. Blonde, L. Burghdoff

Motion Passed

BUSINESS:

Home Occupation Application – Kathleen Szabo – to manage a basement, 2 bedroom w/ kitchen & bath overnight establishment. Applicant also indicated she would like to include day visits to share farming techniques, forest bathing, and miscellaneous nature experiences on the farm.

Session closed 7:40 p.m. for discussion – Signage, ownership, number of nights occupied, and inspections were discussed.

Session opened 7:47 p.m. with decision –

Motion by D. Peden / L. Burghdoff to approve application with the following stipulations:

- A limit of 14 days will apply for anyone staying at premises
- Township Building Inspector accompanied with one Township employee will inspect premises as in a "Short Term Rental" agreement
- Sign must comply with Township Ordinance and application for Sign Permit submitted
- Article VIII – Section 8.05 - Guest rooms shall not use more than 50% of the floor area of the principle residential structure nor contain more than five (5) guest rooms. Common areas such as the kitchen are not included in this calculation

Secretary called roll: C. Yetzke, D. Peden, J. Doroh, R. Bjes, J. Blonde, L. Burghdoff

Motion Passed

Accessory Building Ordinance – Motion by D. Peden / L Burghdoff to approve as written.

Secretary called roll: L. Burghdoff, J. Blonde, M. Morlock, J. Doroh, D. Peden, C. Yetzke, R. Bjes

Motion Passed

SOLAR PANELS:

Committee decided they would need more time to study this issue. Tabled for next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve MacMillan, 980 S. Bainbridge Center, B.H. inquired as to how he would proceed with either a property Land Division or Re-Zone on 1008 S. M-140, Watervliet, which is 5.5 acres. He was advised to file for a Land Division and then a Re-zone. Township would like to fulfill a prior agreement with Mr. MacMillan made previous year.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: 8:32pm

Motion by R. Bjes / J. Doroh

Voice vote: All in Favor

Respectfully,

Barbara Abbott,
Recording Secretary