

Bainbridge Township
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Burghdoff at Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Rd, Watervliet, Michigan 49098 at 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Burghdoff, Jim Doroh, Don Baiers, Alternate Chad Yetzke Melissa Morlock,
Absent: Josh Blonde, Ron Bjes, Dave Peden

PUBLIC COMMENT:

OPENED: 7:11 CLOSED 7:11 NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Chad Yetzke/Jim Doroh to approve the agenda. Voice Vote: All in Favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Chad Yetzke/Jim Doroh to approve the July 15, 2024 minutes. Voice Vote: All in Favor

Reports:

Larry Burghdoff reported on the MTA training attended August 21, 2024 in Lawrence Mi. Topics included Short Term Rentals, Green Energy Legislation, and Handling Top Topic Meetings. Current legislation on Green Energy allows for 3 methods of permitting for utilities...entirely through MPSC, Combination of local and MPSC permitting through adoption of a Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance. So, the Township may find itself back in the business of permitting for large scale renewable Energy Projects in the future.

NEWBUSINESS:

Master Plan Edits

Revisions/Comments:

Page 39: ***added details of 2004 change back to 5 acres minimum.***

Page 65: ***Revised Future Land Use Map was accepted***

Page 30: **Map 3.6 Farmland Classification—Still includes 'Prime Farmland'.**

Page 31: **Section 1: Defines 'Prime Farmland'**

Section 4: References 'Prime Farmland'

Section 5: References 'Prime Farmland'

30 & 31 are a report by USDA and do not provide any future direction for Bainbridge so content was left as is.

Page 41: **Recreational Amenities—Should 'Artesian Flow Rest Park' on M-140 be included here? *Majority opinion was that the 'Artesian Flow Rest Park' isn't really a recreational activity so was not included on page 41.***

Page 56: **Goal 5 has now been met with the installation of Comcast Fiber Optic High Speed Internet township wide. *Left as is since not all township has coverage yet.***

Page 59: **Existing Land Use:**

3. Commercial Land—definition is incomplete. *Will add remainder of definition*

"Master Plan Steering Committee" should be replaced with "Planning Commission". *Replaced as suggested*

Page 69: **3. Partnerships**

Letter 'E': Broadband is now available township wide. *Left as is since not all township has coverage yet.*

Letter 'F': Is expansion for these services viewed as necessary or even desired? If anything, maybe ambulatory services. ***Will add Ambulance Services***

4. Exploration

Letters 'D' and 'E': Are these statements true and a plan moving forward? ***Will add "as necessary" to each.***

History: N. Branch Rd should be Territorial Rd. ***Change to Territorial Road***

Motion by Chad Yetzke/Jim Doroh to Adopt Master Plan with above changes and request Township Board set public hearing for November 18, 2024.

Vote: Larry Burghdoff, Jim Doroh, Don Baiers, Alternate Chad Yetzke Melissa Morlock Yes. None Opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: 8:25 PM

Motion by Chad Yetzke/Jim Doroh to Adjourn

Voice vote: All in Favor

Respectfully,


Larry Burghdoff
Planning Commission Chair