

Pleasant Plains Township  
7333 S. M-37  
Baldwin, MI 49304  
Planning Commission Meeting  
September 18, 2023 5:30 pm

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Chair Su Eling.

**Roll Call:** Chair, Su Eling, present; Secretary, Dave Ghent, absent; Members Randy Eling, present; Deb Vayda, present; Ex-Officio Debbie Russell, present.

Chair Su Eling made Randy Eling acting Secretary.

**Motions for additional agenda items:** none

**Audience Comments for agenda items only:** none

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda by Randy Eling, second by Debbie Russell. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES May15, 2023:** Motion made to approve the minutes by Randy Eling, second by Deb Vayda. All in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** none

**REPORTS:**

None

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Randy Eling, second by Debbie Russell to go into an informal session to hear comments from motel owners and citizens about Short Term Rentals (Air bnb's and VRBO's etc.) . All in favor, motion carried.

Debi Anderson of Red Moose Lodge, Bret Kyser of Outdoor Inn, Dave Wieda of Ivans, citizens Katrina Charles and David Sullivan all spoke. Main takeaways were that there are approximately 190 STR's in Pleasant Plains currently. 16 local are losing business, business is down 15%-20%. The STR's are not in the commercial zone and are not taxed as commercial. Do any of them have a Management Company? Katrina questioned personal property values, traffic congestion and septic systems. David Sullivan suggested that STR's in residential be sent to Attorney Cliff Bloom by the Township Board for advice.

A motion was made by Randy Eling, second by Debbie Russell to go back into regular session. . All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Eling, second by Deb Vayda to send the subject of STR's back to the Board to discuss with the Township Attorney. All in favor, motion carried.

The new owners of the marihuana provisioning center on M-37 stopped by to introduce themselves. Linda Kozak and Matt Rother. They said they hoped to be open by spring.

**Unfinished Business:**

Waiting for comments from the Township Board on the Park and Rec Plan submitted last month. Su Eling will contact Supervisor Braddy.

**Public Comments:** none

**Next meeting date** March 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Randy Eling made the motion, second by Debbie Russell to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

**Submitted by:**

Randy Eling, Acting Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Su Eling, Chair \_\_\_\_\_