

Pleasant Plains Township Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report

To: Pleasant Plains Township Board of Trustees

From: Su Eling, Planning Commission Chairman; and Randy Eling, Acting Secretary

RE: Pleasant Plains Township Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report.

This report is to inform the Township Board of activities related to the Pleasant Plains Township Planning Commission for the 2023 fiscal year. The information provided is based upon the actions taken by the Planning Commission. The information is intended to be ‘at face value’ and should be interpreted by the reader in the same manner.

Planning Commission Members:

Su Eling, Chairman	vacant, Commissioner
David Ghent, Secretary	vacant, Commissioner
Deb Vayda, Commissioner	Debbie Russell, Ex-Officio
Randy Eling, Commissioner	

Scope of Work:

The Planning Commission duties are established by The Pleasant Plains Township Board in the “2013 Planning Enabling Ordinance,” consistent with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.308, et seq., and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, et seq., to establish the Commission and expound the duties as set forth in the above mentioned documents.

Please reference those documents for detailed information.

Meetings:

The Commission held regular meetings at the Township Hall the third Monday of the month, unless otherwise scheduled, but no less than four times annually. The Commission scheduled, at the beginning of the fiscal year, a total of 4 meetings, April, May, September of 2023 and March 2024.

Records:

Agendas, meeting minutes, public hearing notices, applications for Special Land Use permits, voting records, a copy of the by-laws, policy and procedure statements and a copy of this report will be filed in the planning office in a folder named ‘2023’. Meeting minutes are also presented to the Township Clerk’s Office and placed on the web site.

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Actions Taken:

Annual Meeting and election of officers

Adoption of Planning Commission By-Laws

Posted scheduled meetings at Township Hall and web site.

Reviewed and approved a large storage facility at 2645 W. 76th Street.

Medical and Recreational Ordinances being reviewed.

Moving forward with invalidating the Special Land Use at 76th St. & M-37; 43-14-022-066-01

Submitted Year End report to the Township Board.

Park and Rec Plan submitted to the Township Board.

Zoning Ordinance modifications submitted to the Township Board.

Progress/Summary:

Outstanding to be approved by the Township Board are the changes to the Zoning Ordinance that the Township Attorney approved, and a Public Hearing was held as well as two other changes that a Public hearing will need to be held for.

Outstanding is the Park and Rec Plan that the Township Board needs to have a Public Hearing for and approve.

The benefits received from our organizational efforts of adopting Robert's Rules, establishing by-Laws, policy and procedures and developing useful tools for operating within a public arena will also require diligence and fore-thought in order to maintain as high a level of performance and efficiency as can be obtained.

Future Projects:

Completion of the Zoning Map property identifications so that it can be professionally printed

Completion of the modifications to the Zoning Ordinance

Other endeavors under the prevue of the Commission that would benefit the Township

Find a way to deal with Short Term Rentals

We will continue to scrutinize and adjust to our ever changing economic and political environment. It is all a work in progress that we hope will allow us to be part of a brighter Township future.

Respectfully submitted,

Su Eling, Chairman; **Dave Ghent**, Secretary