

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Joseph County Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 in the MSU Extension Office, 612 East Main Street, Centreville, Michigan. Chairman Horton presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gregg Dohm, Robert Horton, Elena Meadows, Mark Ripplinger, Rick Shaffer, Edward Bell, Lon Huffman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Warren Atkins, Doug Pagels and Joe Woodin

OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Hudson, Jessica Miller and Carol Slavic

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Lon Huffman, supported by Edward Bell. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2024, as presented was made by Rick Shaffer, supported by Mark Ripplinger. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Carol Slavic discussed the Nottawa Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment request.

OLD BUSINESS:

County-wide Master Plan Update. Patrick Hudson provided members with an update. Patrick said the next step is to gather comments from participating units. Each community will need to hold a public hearing and authorization to distribute. County will also have a public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Colon Township – Farmland Agreement Applications (PA 116).

A motion was made by Rick Shaffer, supported by Lon Huffman, to recommend approval of the Farmland Agreement applications as submitted. Motion carried.

Village of White Pigeon – Zoning Map and Text Amendments.

A motion was made by Edward Bell, supported by Gregg Dohm,

Lockport Township – Rezoning Request.

A motion was made by Rick Shaffer, supported by Lon Huffman,

Sherman Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

A motion was made by Mark Ripplinger, supported by Elena Meadows,

Nottawa Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment

A motion was made by Rick Shaffer, supported by Mark Ripplinger, to send request back to Nottawa Township for re-review after discussion with Carol Slavic.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Being no further business, a motion was made by Edward Bell, supported by Gregg Dohn, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Miller

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Patricia Kulikowski
Secretary