

**Eureka Charter Township Planning Commission**  
Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved  
August 18, 2021

**Agenda Items 1 & 2: Meeting Convene & Roll Call**

Chairman Putnam called the regular meeting of the Eureka Charter Township Planning Commission (PC) to order at 7:02 pm.

Roll call found the following PC members in attendance: Linda Weger, Randy Klepper, Mary Sharp, Marty Posekany, Jon Behrends and Board Liaison – Trustee Kristen Lower.

There was a quorum for the meeting.

Zoning Administrator/Supervisor Darcia Kelley and approximately 10 others were also in attendance. This meeting was audiotaped.

**Agenda Items 3 & 4: July Minutes & Correspondence Received by Secretary**

Motion was made by Commissioner Posekany to accept the July minutes as written. It was supported by Commissioner Weger.

**Motion carried.**

There was no correspondence.

**Agenda Item 5: Audience Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

An audience member asked for clarification on when they would be allowed to speak on agenda items.

**Unfinished Business**

An update on Short Term Rentals was given. The Township attorney advises waiting to see what the state is going to do regarding this.

After being reviewed by Township attorney Cliff Bloom and Township Planner Andy Moore, the proposed changes to the Wind Energy Section of Draft Ordinance #79 were discussed. The commissioners have some suggestions for additional changes, including adding wording regarding ADLS (Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems), fire suppression systems and deicing systems. The suggested changes will be compiled and sent to the Township attorney. Five audience members, including two from Eureka Township, spoke about concerns they have about wind energy systems and how the ordinance addresses those concerns.

The complete DRAFT of Zoning Ordinance #79 was shared with the Commissioners. It was agreed that commissioners would begin comparing the draft ordinances to our current ordinances, with a plan of discussing Chapters 1 through 4 at the September PC Meeting.

**New Business**

James Hamel, 6071 Lake Rd., has requested a Special Land Use permit for a pond. He could not be present at the meeting, but was represented by Zoning Administrator Darcia Kelley. After some discussion, it was agreed that a permit was not necessary and he can go ahead with his project.

**Zoning Administration – Kelley**

- Eight complaints, most regarding junk cars and blight, including two sites with illegal activity being monitored by Sheriff deputies
- Nine inspections
- Three zoning permits - for a new house, a sign, and a swimming pool
- Ordinance review is progressing

- Jay Carl has contacted the Township saying he has some companies interested in pursuing a project on the Ride All Drive property

**Road Commission – Kelley**

- Finishing up the Roy Drive, Pine Valley area
- Asphalt overlay on Satterlee will happen late August
- Gravel resurfacing on Stakes will occur late August or early September
- Due one more application of chloride

**Township Board – Lower**

- Three Eureka Township residents are interested in the open county commissioner seat, interviews on August 23
- Payroll for September will be late due to a vacation
- Working on Regulatory Ordinance review
- Cemetery road was paved
- Cemetery rules were adopted
- Cares Act expenditures were discussed
- Tabled the adjacent land acquisition conversation for now
- Must adopt a Sewer and Water Ordinance similar to the City of Greenville's
- Discussing the 2022 budget
- Fall Clean Up will be September 11

**Zoning Board of Appeals – Putnam**

- Nothing to report at this time

**Commissioners**

Are there any comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions on any other topic?

No comments.

**Items for next Agenda**

- Short-Term Rental – possible update
- Review Chapters 1 through 4 of Draft Ordinance #79

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Homant  
Recording Secretary

Linda Weger  
PC Secretary