

**MORTON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – March 17, 2021**



Call to Order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman- Dennis Morawa
Pledge of Allegiance by all
Members Present: Dennis Morawa, Jeff Ratledge, Larry Lenon, Steve Brandt
Members Absent: Lisa Thompson
Others Present: Rich Davis- Zoning Administrator, Vicky Esch- Recording Secretary
List of Public present: None

Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2020, Regular Meeting
Motion by: Larry Lenon
To approve the October 21, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.
2nd by: Steve Brandt
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

New Business

A. Election of Officers for 2021

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge
To re-elect Dennis Morawa, as Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2021.
2nd by: Larry Lenon
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Motion by: Dennis Morawa
To re-elect Steve Brandt, as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission for 2021.
2nd by: Larry Lenon
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge
To re-elect Lisa Thompson, as Secretary of the Planning Commission for 2021.
2nd by: Steve Brandt
Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

B. Jeff Ratledge introduced Rich Davis to the rest of the members. Rich has been hired by the township as the new building official and zoning administrator.

Old Business

A. Steve Brandt asked if there had been any progress on the sign application that was brought before them at the last meeting.

The applicant has applied to the ZBA. Hearing date is set for April 6, 2021.

Comments by citizens in attendance: No citizens in attendance

Reports – Building Department (Rich Davis)

- No Reports

Reports – Board of Trustees (Jeff Ratledge)

- The township has been approached by residents concerned about the gypsy moth problem observed this past year. The township paid to have a survey done by Aquatic Consulting Services and their report is available on the website. At this time, the Tri-Lakes area is in the process of collecting signatures to set up a special assessment district to address the gypsy moth issue around their lakes.

- Township Clean-Up date for this year has been scheduled for August 14, 2021.
- The township has received two bids so far for the project to build a recycling barn at the recycling site in the Morton Township Business Park.
- The Covid stimulus plan signed by the government will be bringing federal dollars to the township. The exact amount and when it will be available are not yet known.

Reports – Other

- No other reports.

Correspondence: None

Adjourn Regular Meeting

Motion by: Jeff Ratledge

To Adjourn regular meeting

2nd by: Steve Brandt

Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vicky Esch

Vicky Esch, Recording Secretary