

Lee Township Planning Commission  
Approved Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes  
1485 W Olson Rd  
Midland, Mi. 48640  
July 19, 2023

- **Call to Order and attendance** PC Commissioners present; Mari Spraul, Geoff Gwisdala, Chris Stephens and Debra Reiber. Chris, Vice Chair, presided over the meeting. New member Greg Babcock was not present.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of the Agenda** Debra made a motion to Approve the Agenda. Mari seconded it. Agenda approved.
- **May 17, 2023 Minutes approved as presented**
- **Appointment of Commission Chair - Tabled**
- **Public Hearing** Debra made a motion to leave the Regular Meeting and move into a Public Hearing, supported by Mari. Motion approved by Debra, Chris, Geoff and Mari.
  - Russell Babcock, the Zoning Administrator, presented an updated proposed Chapter 4 - Regulations (Amendment to Section 4.2 Dwelling Regulations)
  - Public comment
    - Carol Schaefer asked who was going to enforce this regulation
    - Mary Spindler asked how long residents can live in a travel trailer
  - Mari made a motion to leave the Public Hearing and re-enter the Regular Meeting, supported by Chris, approved by Chris, Geoff, Mari, and Debra.
- **Deliberation for the proposed zoning amendment**
  - Mari made a motion to approve the updated proposed Chapter 4 – General Regulations (Amendment to Section 4.2 Dwelling Regulations) seconded by Geoff, all approved.
  - Facts and Findings - Allows more affordable mobile homes into the township and clarifies that Code Authority is to manage permits and requirements as necessary.

- **Old Business**
  - Russell, ZA, suggested the strategy for updating zoning ordinances. Marie Hickerson, website manager, will organize the existing ordinances with their amendments and upload them to the website. The PC will then move forward with each ordinance compiled with their amendments to propose changes and updates as necessary.
  
- **New Business**
  - None
  
- **Any other business**
  - Planning Commission Training Tabled due to absent member
  
- **Public Comment**

There was extensive discussion with the residents present in regards to the necessity to update and enforce the zoning ordinances.
  
- **Adjourn**

Geoff made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, Mari supported, all in favor.