

**Polkton Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Polkton Township Hall**

July 23, 2020

- A. Meeting Called to Order** – 7:02 pm by Chairman Homik
- B. Establish a Quorum** –
Members present; G. Carpenter, K. DuBois, B. Homik, C. Lindberg, R. Scott
Member in Training; K. Wieringa
- C. Agenda** – Switch E & F and approval of minutes located at G.3, Scott motioned to approve agenda with changes to line up with support from Lindberg. All Ayes; APPROVED.
- D. Receive Public Comment** – Ed & Shirley Schmidt (18118 96th Ave) would like to propose changes to modify the ordinance in ag (21.08) so that they may build a home for their daughter. Declares the ground where they wish to build is ‘un-tillable’. Would like to see a modification to the ordinance made for ‘case by case’ situations. Requests that it be discussed during the Master Plan review.
- E. Review/Approve Minutes from June 16, 2020** – minutes were reviewed & discussed
Motion by Scott and supported by Lindberg to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes.
All Ayes: APPROVED.
- F. Master Plan Review** – representative from Fresh Coast Planning led the review of the changes made in June to Chapters 3 & 4. In Chapter 4 in reference to the Type 2 landfill, wasn’t able to clarify this. Language will be modified to reflect this.
Began review of Chapter 5, Public and Recreation Facilities. It was mentioned that to apply for grants, the Master Plan needs to be current. First page; Fire Department needs to reflect their new address. Change “no *elementary* education” as this is not provided currently. Library name needs to be updated. Second page; update paragraph. South Evergreen Schoolhouse, Sheridan Park. The 5 year rec plan has been updated. Third page; Ottawa County Parks, proposed future trails and parks, the representative will compare and update with the 2019-2023 plan (located on website). The language in Goals, Recommendations, Strategies will be modernized. Under future rec plan, will take out Lamont Christian School. Complete streets will be taken out also. Chapter 6, Public Utilities; page one will need updated GIS map (2009) for gas, water, sewer lines. Goals, Rec, Strategies; use ‘consideration for future usage’ pertaining to the water infrastructure plan. Focus on water quality as the conservation and education are well provided for through the county. Next: Chapters 7 & 8.
- G. Short term rental ordinance discussion** – Michigan Supreme Court made a ruling on short term rentals. Legal counsel drafted an ordinance amendment to ‘clean up’ the language as it pertains to short term rentals. PC recommends the ordinance draft as written to Township Board. Motioned by DuBois, seconded by Scott. All: AYES.
- H. Discussions** – Reviewed building permits, Township Board minutes
- I. Public Comment** - None

J. Motion to Adjourn- by Homik, support by Scott. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Minutes written by; Jamie TenBrink, PC Recording Secretary

Next Regular Meeting – August 18 @ 7:00 pm