

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
 MONDAY 7 PM FEBRUARY 21, 2022
 MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER	Horney call to order at 7:01 pm
II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.	Members Present: Horney, Oliver, Iwanicki, Barbu, Barr. Others present: Rodney Nanney, Zoning Administrator; Kris Enlow, Township Engineer
III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA –	Moved by Horney, 2 nd Oliver. CARRIED. AGENDA APPROVED.
IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, January 10, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting	Discussion of whether transfer of monastery property needed to be added to agenda. No motion. Nanney to follow-up with contacts to inform of obligations as per site plan. Moved by Horney, 2 nd Oliver. CARRIED. MINUTES APPROVED.
V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No public comment.
VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – Raising agricultural animals in hamlet (R-3). Proposed changes to existing ordinance	7:14 pm Horney moves to close township meeting and open public hearing. Aye: Oliver, Barbu, Horney, Barr, Iwanicki No: None MOTION CARRIED.
	Comments were received from two individuals residing in the Bridgewater Hamlet, requesting a change to allow their daughter/granddaughter to raise lambs and participate in a lamb club. The grandmother, Becky Bush, 9108 Austin Rd said that she had spoken with the neighbors and they had verbally given their okay. No other public comments regarding the change to raising agricultural animals. No public comments for the medical marijuana language change to align with state requirements. Commission members and Nanney all noted that they had not received any type of communication from the public regarding either of these issues. 7:25 pm – Moved to close public hearing by Horney. 2 nd by Oliver Aye: Oliver, Barbu, Horney, Barr, Iwanicki No: None MOTION CARRIED.
	Motion to send proposed changes to existing ordinances for animal limitations in Bridgewater Hamlet and Medical Marijuana language to Board for approval. Moved by Oliver, 2 nd by Barr Aye: Oliver, Barbu, Horney, Barr, Iwanicki No: None MOTION CARRIED.

VII. OLD BUSINESS	
A. Master Plan discussion (sections 1-4)	General Discussion of Master Plan Held. There was a statement by Nanney that the 2020 census information is generally regarded as flawed. General discussion about population growth was held, and it was stated that the Township had been at just over 1,600 residents since 2000. Impacts and limitations on population growth were discussed including COVID, internet access, soil suitability for septic tanks. It was considered that the demographic information in Chapters 1-4 be split from the Master Plan so that it could be updated separately, but no motion was given. Horney asked the members to read and review Chapters 5 and 6 for the next meeting.
B. Gravel pit noise/berm extension (annual report)	A general discussion was held and it was determined that at this time, no formal township action is needed. The berm heights are currently within the range permitted, and have some room to be increased within the current Use Permit. Nanney recommended that the Township provide a letter to the gravel pit with the Township position. MOTION: to recommend to the Board that the direction that the gravel pit is going (insulation on gearbox and motors) as well as increasing the berm height within the Use Permit in order to address the noise issue is acceptable to the Township, and already within the Gravel Pit's approved Plan, so no action from the Township is required. Moved by Barbu, 2nd by Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.
C. Zoning ordinances within agricultural areas	Discussion that this topic can be tabled for the time being, but may be further reviewed within the Master Plan.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS	
A. Annual report to trustees	Horney stated he will be developing a report to be provided to the Trustees.
B. Appointment to ZBA	Barbu volunteered to sit on the ZBA. MOTION: Nominate Barbu to ZBA Moved by Oliver, 2nd by Horney. Aye: Oliver, Barbu, Horney, Barr, Iwanicki No: None MOTION CARRIED.
IX. COMMUNICATIONS	
A. Zoning Administrators Report B. Trustees Report	
X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS Next meeting March 21 st , 2022.	Horney advised the members that time sheets may be filled out quarterly.
XI. PUBLIC COMMENT	NO further public comment
XII ADJOURNMENT	9:09 pm Motion to adjourn by Horney. 2 nd by Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.