

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, October 16, 2023  
MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.
- II. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM – Horney, Greenwald, Barbu, Iwanicki , Oliver present. Quorum obtained. Zoning Administrator, Nanney present.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA – Oliver moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Horney seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Horney moved to approve the May minutes. Oliver second. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None
- VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None scheduled.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS -
  - A. Shared drive/private road ordinance. Nanney’s (Draft) Private Road Ordinance was accepted by the Board of Trustees. They agreed for Tier #1 (1-4 homes), 6” of stone substrate shall be required instead of 4”. The new Private Road Ordinance will go into effect on 11/18/2023.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS –
  - A. Future training/education priorities. Suggested refreshers included agriculture management, roadside stands, and home business occupations including bookkeeping, hair salons. Also addressing a need to define and differentiate specific words such as ‘car repair ‘vs.’ engines’ as examples. Shifting economics increase the likelihood of more home based businesses in the future.
  - B. Arrange a joint potluck with the Board of Trustees for mutual benefit, understanding, and enjoyment.
- IX. COMMUNICATIONS -
  - A. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Nothing to add because the Private Road Ordinance was accepted by the Board of Trustees, to include the stipulation of 6” stone substrate for the private drive of 1-4 homes.

B. Trustee's Report – The Board of Trustees accepted the Planning Commission's Private Road Ordinance submitted, with the stipulation that 6" of stone substrate be required for a private road servicing 1-4 homes.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Nanney reported the Michigan State Legislature is considering 8 sets of bills (4 each in the Senate and House of Representatives), which would remove local control of considerations for renewable energy, solar, wind, and other utilities. There seems to be no provisions for safety, enforcement, or compatibility. The Michigan Township Association is objecting actively. Nanney recommended contacting legislators by any means , phone, email, etc. It's important that local issues are addressed by those who are most familiar with local needs and challenges.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

XI. AJOURNMENT –Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. by unanimous vote.

APPROVED