

## Vassar Township Planning Commission August 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with Chair D. Foether leading the pledge.

Roll call was conducted:

Ben Partridge – Present  
Bob Reil – Present  
Shaun McDonnell – Absent  
Devin Foether (Chair & Acting Secretary) – Present  
Orville Hartung (Co-Chair) – Present  
Sam Tester – Present  
Jane Cesar – Present

The Marijuana Coordinator (MC) was in attendance.

Chairman D. Foether moved to review and action on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Partridge motions to approve July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Motion seconded by Hartung.

**Motion** passed through unanimous voice vote.

Chairman D. Foether moved to review of Zoning Administrator (ZA) report. Hartung asked if the cell tower was new or a replacement; Reil indicated that the location was currently just a farm field.

Reil asked if the ZA was able to get any authority to submit violations; Chairman D. Foether asked the supervisor if he had any knowledge of ZA's progress with the new attorney. The supervisor was not sure about ZA's communications with the new attorney; MC indicated that ZA was supposed to call today but was unable to complete the call. Partridge indicated that the Trustees approved the code enforcement ordinance. Reil mentioned that ZA stated he had no authority; Partridge clarified that that was according to the old attorney and that the Trustees ordinance was to fix that.

Chairman D. Foether moved to MC report. No Commission discussion.

Chairman D. Foether moved to Trustee's Report.

D. Foether asked why the Township was considering buying a police car. Partridge explained that the current deputy serving area lived in Township, so he started the shift from his house. Once the deputy moves on from current role, the new deputy's patrol time would start at the Sherriff's office in Caro. This would lead to ~1.5 hours a shift lost to travel to and from Caro. If Township purchased a police car, the deputy shift would start once they reached the car storage location in the Township. The car would be labeled as Vassar Township Sherriff Patrol. Cesar commented on the upkeep of the vehicle. D. Foether pointed out that it may help deter people from running the Caine stop sign if a patrol car was sitting at the hall during deputy off hours.

D. Foether asked about the noise issue with Krystal Lake Campground. The indication that ZA wasn't handling it as it was not in the Township. Supervisor sent complaints to the neighboring Township's

supervisor. Vassar Township residents felt we should be able to enforce our ordinance because it did not indicate that the limit was within our Township exclusively.

Hartung asked about new hall. MC asked about the timing of the new hall. Cesar asked about the location and plan for current hall.

Chairman D. Foether opened Public Hearing on Master Plan adoption at 7:16 PM.

Partridge asked if past members could be left in the acknowledgement section.

Partridge and D. Foether indicated that Clinesmith should be removed as Clerk and Pounds should be listed.

Russ Fall asked about the master plan not having the Park & Recreation (P&R) Master Plan in this master plan. Corey explained that they usually summarize in the Township master plan and have specifics in the P&R plan. Fall thought the plan should contain everything so residents could find everything in one place. D. Foether said that the compromise would be to add P&R master plan in an appendix to the Township Master Plan. Commission in agreement to directly reference P&R master plan and add as an appendix.

B. Foether asked if the maps in the plan would be given to Township in wall size format for display in hall.

Cesar pointed out some roads missing labels. Partridge asked if all all seasons roads should be marked, Reil indicated that M-15 was not marked as an all seasons road. D. Foether asked Rowe representative if state roads were understood to be all season. Reil indicated that some state roads do have seasonal restrictions. D. Foether asked if it was a problem to update the map to reflect roads that were all season.

Chairman D. Foether closed public hearing at 7:48 PM.

Partridge and D. Foether questioned how Future Land Use map was colored. Corey indicated that he would update map to reflect strips of zoning as opposed to current use.

Tester indicated that Master Plan should no longer include 40 acres of Township property on section 24 in chapter 4.

Partridge asked how can roads be fixed on the maps. Corey said that he could do it but would cost more.

Hartung asked if the plan was reviewed every 5 years. Corey indicated that the plan is developed for 20 years, but is reviewed every 5.

D. Foether asked when corrections would be completed. Corey indicated that he would have them done for the next meeting. Commission will review corrections and adopt at next meeting.

Chairman D. Foether asked Rowe representative when they would begin Zoning Ordinance review. Corey asked when would Commission would like to start. D. Foether said at next meeting if possible.

Chairman D. Foether moved on to next two agenda items. Indicated that Thumb Cellular was requesting the earliest time they could get for public hearing on new tower. D. Foether indicated that the earliest was Septber 1<sup>st</sup>, asked if any Commission members had a problem with that date for the special land use for Thumb Cellular and Bud Bundy Farms LLC renewal.

D. Foether made the motion to hold a special meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 starting at 6:30 PM to hold a public hearing for Bud bundy Farms LLC, Class A Medical Grower Special Land Use Permit Renewal. Motion seconded by Partridge.

**Motion** passed through unanimous voice vote.

MC explained that maps in front of Commission were updated maps for LTP Special Land Use Permit.

D. Foether made the motion to hold a special meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 starting at 6:30 PM to hold a public hearing for Thumb Cellular/ Hemphill Resources LLC Special Land Use Permit. Motion seconded by Reil.

**Motion** passed by unanimous voice vote.

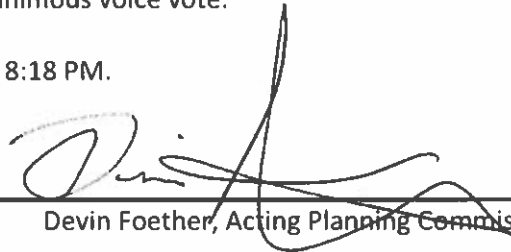
Chairman D. Foether moved to public comment.

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT MADE.**

Reil made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by D. Foether.

**Motion** passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Devin Foether', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Devin Foether, Acting Planning Commission Secretary