WALES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**WORKSHOP**

*NOVEMBER 13th 2023*

**MINUTES** **DRAFT**

**Opening**

1. Call to Order- Time 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call –Kimmen, Downey, Jewell, Perry, Watkins, Affelt – *Present*

Glass - *Absent*

Public Comments on **Agenda Items**: (3 Minute Time Limit)

* No Public Comments

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by- Kimmen Second by- Affelt

Vote: All Ayes

**Approval of Minutes** of the October 16th, 2023 Regular Meeting/ Public Hearing

Motion by - Perry Second by- Downey

Vote: All Ayes

**Correspondence and Announcements**

**Reports**

1. Zoning Administrator – not in attendance
2. Planning Consultant or Representative-
3. Township Board Representative- Carly Kimmen
4. Received a new application for the Pine River Kennel 10/30/2023

-would like to obtain the following reviews before scheduling a hearing: Jim Waddy’s review, St. Clair County Road Commission, Drain Commission and reviews from Fire and Police.

-has some concerns regarding blueprints; will reach out to John Moore (applicant), if anyone else has any concerns they may email the applicant as well.

1. Recreation Plan is drafted and on the website for public review
2. Board accepted the recommendation for the rezoning
3. I completed The Citizen Planner program and the Master Citizen Planner Program and exam through MSU. Extensive 20 hours of education for each program. To hold your Citizen Planner Certificate, you need to complete Continuing Education credits annually. Will make copies of some of the pertinent information from training.
4. A temporary ramp will be installed for township hall in December. Construction on Township Hall will begin in May and a permanent ramp will be installed at that time.
5. Zoning Board of Appeals Representative- Kevin Glass (Absent)
6. Committees- Parks Committee meets 11/14/2023 5:30pm
7. Other

**Old Business**

1. Draft Solar and Wind Ordinances

-Kimmen sent an email to attorney to ask how we proceed; no response at this time

Planning Commission will continue moving forward until hear otherwise

-attached are concerns that were submitted by Kevin Glass

-note any concerns, discuss at future meeting to thoroughly discuss ordinance

**New Business**

1. Battery Moratorium hearing date (need at least a month to prepare for hearing)

* Need to submit publication to media
* Error in Section I – needs to read Section 20.40 not 20.38
* Need to adopt and insert Moratorium into Township Ordinance. This will give us a 12-month time frame to form a Battery Facility Ordinance
* There will be a halt on any permits, licenses, or applications for construction for battery storage facility / storage systems until Township can form an ordinance

**Motion** **by** Kimmen to set a hearing for December 18th at 7 pm to discuss Battery Moratorium

**Second** **by** - Watkins

**Roll** **Call**: Kimmen – Yes, Downey – Yes, Jewell – Yes, Perry – Yes, Watkins – Yes, Affelt – Yes

**Vote**: All Ayes

**Adjourn- Motion by -** Kimmen **Second by -** Downey

**Vote:** Allayes

**Time**: 7:14 pm

**Next Meeting date:** December 18, 2023, 7 PM

**Submitted by:**

**Stacey Wright**

**Recording Secretary**