

**TOWNSHIP OF SOMERSET, COUNTY OF HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Township of Somerset Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson, Namrata Carolan, on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Somerset Center Community Room, 12715 E. Chicago Road, Somerset Center, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. In attendance there were two members of the public. (Curtis Gale, and Township Supervisor Tim Shaw).

ROLL CALL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS – Chairperson – Namrata Carolan – (Present) Vice Chair- Lynn Hartzler- (Present) Secretary – John Berro (Present) Representative – David Pumfrey – (Absent) Member – Ray York – (Present)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Lynn Hartzler motioned to approve the Planning Commission Minutes of September 14,2021. Second by Ray York Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Minutes approved. (Absent-1) (Abstain- 1)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Ray York motioned to approve the agenda. Second by Lynn Hartzler: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 (Absent-1) Agenda approved.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – No Member noted a conflict of interest for the topics to be considered by the Planning Commission at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: - No correspondence was received.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVE, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- A. No comments from Board Representative.
- B. The Zoning Administrator opted to comment under Unfinished and New Business.
- C. No Comments from Zoning Board of Appeals.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Curtis Gale: Noted that May 11, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes had not been approved yet. He presented additional comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance review including a simple Sign Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

A. Further review of specific items of the Master Plan. There was further consensus of the realities associated with the other items which will need updating of the Section 2.6 page 15 of the Master Plan proposing to adopt a new format of the regulation chart. Planning Commission will continue to review those necessary changes.

B. It was further discussed on whether or not having Accessory Building/structure is permitted without a principal building on the property.

C. It was decided to table the Sign Ordinance to the next meeting.

D. Planned Unit Development was discussed with Zoning Administrator proposing to add it for further review in New Business.

NEW BUSINESS –

Zoning Administrator Don Figiel addressed items on Planned Unit Development. He also addressed the importance of the Septic System being inspected by Health Department. He also addressed “Litter Ordinance” and “Vehicle Repair and Storage Ordinance”. He further addressed tires as burn hazard and stated issues pertaining such on Opal Drive within the township.

Chairperson Namrata Carolan stated that the review of any new ordinance such as the ones presented by the Zoning Administrator should be tabled and worked on the current Zoning Ordinance. Chairperson Namrata Carolan discussed with the members to present the board of Trustees the finished review of regular ordinances when completed for the final approval. Any New Ordinance is key to public input.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ON-GOING BUSINESS – No Member noted any other business to be considered by the Planning Commission at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Member of the Public came forth once again and requested Agenda Packet for the meeting to be made available for public review, also presented additional comments regarding the Zoning Ordinance under review. Chairperson Namrata Carolan thanked the public for taking time to attend the meeting and addressing issues to the Planning Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM Motion by Lynn Hartzler and Second by Ray York.

Respectfully submitted by Namrata Carolan