

Mikado Township Planning Commission

January 4, 2024

Present: Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, Bill Spunar

Absent: James Ostby

Guest: Clerk, Rita Sands

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 7, 2023 by Mullins, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Discussion:

Chair Stevens brought in the Alcona Township Zoning Ordinance of 12-8-2022 pointing out that it is very much like ours only much more user friendly than ours. It was noted that the Alcona Twp ZO was also done with the assistance of NEMCOG. There was discussion of legal use.

Starting with section 3.0, the words “more restrictive” will stay.

We will leave section 3.2 open to revisit especially in regards to “no more than one (1) principal building.”

For section 3.5, we will insert Alcona Township’s sections, add reference to setbacks being listed by zone in article 5.0.

Rita Sands, as current zoning administrator, brought up recent zoning related happenings that led to discussion on interpretation and needs of the ZO.

As we progressed through the Mikado Twp. ZO, Mullins preferred to read each section aloud and this method proved fruitful.

Our section 3.17 will be moved to section 3.6 for better flow and continuity. Also add a reference to section 10.8 in regards to violation of ordinance.

Our section 3.7 will be replaced with Alcona Townships section 3.8 Illegal Dwelling.

Section 3.10 is open for revisit as we talk about the setbacks.

There is the potential to bring section 3.12 more current by adding wifi and other utility structures. Need to ask township lawyer.

Mullins will have physical copies of the Alcona Twp. ZO for the rest of the Planning Commission members at the February 1st meeting and we will continue reading and reviewing with section 3.13.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by Spunar, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Adjournment: 8:01 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center