

Mikado Township Planning Commission Workshop

October 26, 2022

Present: Carrie Mullins, Ken Griffin

Absent: Steve Sanderson, James Ostby, Nicki Bartz-Stuit

Guest: Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Regina Waszkiewicz

Start: 6:05 PM

Public Comment: None

Topics of Discussion:

- Chair, Lary Holland was thanked for his service, and ultimately his spot will be taken by Nicki Bartz-Stuit. We will need to appoint a new chair.
- To communicate future plans in regards to the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance (especially the addition of a Solar Energy section), the following people should be sent notice:
 - Carrie Mullins mikado.twp@gmail.com
 - Steve Sanderson ssanderson@kalittaair.com
 - James Ostby 23ostby23@gmail.com
 - Ken Griffin ken48745@gmail.com
 - Nicki Bartz-Stuit nickistuit5010@gmail.com
 - Cc to Regina Waszkiewicz mikadotwpzoning@gmail.com
 - Cc to Supervisor Corn mikadotwpsup@gmail.com
 - Cc to Clerk Sutton mikadotownshipclerk@gmail.com
- Rick Duell, consultant for the Master Plan update, will be contacted and asked to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on December 5, 2022.
- The public meetings Consumers Energy has had about the various Dams have been eye opening as their contract to maintain them is up in 10 years.
- Solar Ordinance
 - Process for adding a Solar Energy Amendment / Alteration to our Zoning Ordinance
 - A public notice must be posted 15 days before a Public Hearing and appear in the paper
 - At the next workshop we'll approve the wording for this notice
- Denise Cline was contacted to write a Draft Solar Ordinance for Mikado Township, this will be reviewed at the next workshop.
- Possible wording for the public notice and/or community survey/poll:
 - In anticipation of the adoption of a Solar Energy Ordinance, the Mikado Township Planning Commission is asking what the residents would like to see. Energy companies are already approaching residents for placement of panels. Technology has come a long way, from a field of panels to raised panels that allow farming or ranching underneath. There are many things to take into consideration, like glare, natural barriers, setbacks, installation and decommissioning, etc. Community input is important to us and will help us draft a solar ordinance that fits Mikado Township.

End: 7:15 PM

Next Workshop: November 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center

Next Meeting: December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center