

## Mikado Township Planning Commission

February 1, 2024

**Present:** Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, James Ostby, Bill Spunar

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Clerk Rita Sands, Supervisor Mary Harmon, Ann Harmon, Cindy McCuiston

**Call to Order:** 6:01 PM

Pledge

**Motion** to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2024 made by Ostby, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Mullins gave an update on the submission of the Recreation Plan to the MIDNR utilizing their <https://migrants.intelligentants.com> service and indicated she needed to make herself the Authorized Official to fulfill the need created by Township Board's and Planning Commission's approval and the requirements of the MIDNR. The 5-year 2024-Mikado Township Recreation Plan was successfully submitted January 26, 2024.

**Discussion:** We began this session reading section 3.13 and continuing with the discussion and edits. When reviewing the current ordinance we are continuing to reference Alcona Township's Zoning Ordinance approved in May of 2023. This also helps us to wording and other documentation that is cited on our ZO.

Section 3.13 Required Water Supply and Sanitary Facilities may need to be expanded or moved. The Alcona Township ZO has section 3.14 on Sanitary Waste Systems. We may refer back to our section when we get to section 3.24 in our ZO (water supply and sewage disposal facilities).

Section 3.14 has no changes.

For section 3.15, we talked about the various mobile homes around the township. We need to look into adding definitions for "unoccupied" and "stored" and incorporate whether they are hooked up for living/electric and/or fuel/energy.

In section 3.16 Recreational Vehicles, part A. #2 we will remove "No more than one (1)." In part B we talked about the need to ask the lawyer about camping laws and why it says there can't be a recreational vehicle parked more than 15 consecutive days / not more than 45 days and can we change it to 90 days of camping should someone want to come for the summer.

We already discussed and moved section 3.17 Temporary Dwelling Occupancy during Construction of a Dwelling to section 3.6 Temporary Buildings for Construction Purposes.

We'll keep sections 3.18 Waterfront Greenbelt and 3.19 Waterfront Setback.

In section 3.20 Home Business, we'll include the following in the opener: All activities in this section must comply with and maintain state and federal licensing and regulations. Part A #4 will have a minor edit removing "the architecture of" between ... compatible with and ... the dwelling. Part B #9 will also have a minor edit to add "reasonable or" after ... shall be.

In section 3.21 Fences and Walls, part A, we will remove "in the side and rear yards and four (4) feet in the front yard. And there are some corrections to be made in part E. We talked about another potential question for the lawyer in regards to fence height for the front yard.

**Public Comment:** None. We have been allowing the guest to participate in the discussion within reason.

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

**Adjournment:** 8:16 PM

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 7th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center