

Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2024

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

Absent:

Guests: ZA John Moran, Cindy McCuistion

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Pledge

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 7, 2024 made by Spunar, seconded by Sanderson, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Secretary Mullins verified everyone's contact information for the township website.

We set the dates for the upcoming year. It is the hopes of the PC that we finish with the ZO by July. We will have to make one of the monthly meetings a Public Hearing for the approval of the ZO, then we'll go back to quarterly meetings. The following scheduled meetings were agreed upon (all dates are on a Thursday and start at 6pm at the Mikado Civic Center):

January 2, 2025

April 3, 2025

July 3, 2025

February 6, 2025

May 1, 2025

September 4, 2025 Quarterly

March 6, 2025

June 5, 2025

December 4, 2025 Quarterly

Discussion:

The topic of the 4 to 1 ratio in regards to property size and shape, which is required by state law, was discussed and will be added back to all of the zoning districts.

We continued with the review and update of the Mikado Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 9.0 Supplemental Regulations, Part P. Sexually Oriented Business. For #5, we are adding “, locked” after “view” and before “and located so as not...”

Part Q. Storage Uses will be merged with the Alcona Township Zoning Ordinance (ATZO) section 9.24 Part D to include “prevent any adverse effect upon adjacent properties.”

Part R. Towers and Antenna Facilities will be replaced with the ATZO section 9.25 Wireless Communication.

In regards to Part S. Wind Turbine Generators, Commercial and Anemometer Towers, the PC realizes that this section was added in 2020, but with the passage of PA233 by the state, we will need to research this and probably replace it with a compliant version of a Workable Wind Energy Ordinance much like we did with the Workable Solar Energy Ordinance the Township just passed.

Mikado Township has a few stand alone ordinances that will need to be integrated with the ZO and secretary Mullins will make sure all PC members have physical copies of those at the next meeting.

We will start fresh with Article 10: Administration and Enforcement of Ordinance at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None. We allowed guests to interact throughout discussion within reason.

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

Adjournment: 7:47 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center