

Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025

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

Absent: none

Guests: ZA John Moran, Supervisor Craig Ostby

Call to Order: 6: 00 PM

Pledge

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2025 made by Spunar, seconded by Deller, the Ayes have it, motion passes.

Mullins reminded the PC members of the online training subscription that ends in August.

Layla Arnette, 2204 S. F-41, the house south of the new storage units wanted to speak of flooding issues on the NE side of her house. The Planning Commission was shown a video of flooding in the basement and it was noted to be “pouring” in. This just further illustrates drainage issues in Mikado, particularly in what the Platt map labels the “village.” The culvert under F-41 was noted to be frozen. The PC recommended she fill out a complaint form through ZA Moran. Supervisor Ostby was informed and will be in contact with Jesse at the Road Commission to hopefully help clarify the steps necessary to resolve drainage issues. It was noted that grant funding may be available.

Variances were talked about briefly. It was noted that the ZA should say no to things under 5 acres outside of the “village”/commercial district and have the person fill out a ZBA appeal form if they disagree; one of the reasons for the ZBA.

Discussion:

We continued with the ZO, Article 12: Adoption and Amendments. This section will stay the same except we will add in section 12.1 – Severability from the Alcona Township ZO.

Article 1: Purpose and Authority will have an opener paragraph added much like that of the ATZO section 1.0 that will include reference to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act PA110 of 2006 and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act PA33 of 2008 as amended.

Article 2: Definitions, section 2.0 – Rules Applying to Text, we will add a number 3 to our subsection G. from the ATZO’s G. #3 “Either...Or.”

We will use the definition for Short Term Rental from the ATZO.

Secretary Mullins will try to get the changes made to the ZO by the next meeting. The hope is to get this off to the lawyer for review. The public hearing should be in June or July.

Public Comment: We allowed public comment during the discussion within reason.

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

Adjournment: 7:42 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center