

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
October 25, 2021
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:00 p.m. Chairperson Macak opened the Public Hearing to take comments on the proposed amendment to Chapter 1294, and definitions to the Zoning Code. With no comments, Macak closed the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.

7:01 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Chairperson Macak.
Macak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call Present: Macak, Prisk, Reiffer, Roesner, Webb
Absent: none

Also present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Roesner, second Webb, to approve the October 25, 2021 agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Prisk requested a correction to the minutes to change wording from "important" to "requested" in his quote. Motion by Reiffer, second Prisk, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021 regular meeting as amended. Motion carried.
2. Macak presented the draft comments on the Windsor Township Comprehensive Plan for member consideration. Gallagher was instructed to make the following changes: remove vague language referencing population; add Lions Park for use by all residents and remove leased from BWL; add only public-school facility in reference to Dimondale Elementary; clarification on rural versus agricultural locations; and substitute "identifies" for "lists" in #7.
3. Macak introduced Ordinance 2021-2, an ordinance to amend sections 1260.07 and 1294.15 of the Dimondale Code of Ordinances by adding definitions, and changing the permitted yard encroachments for porches and patios. Discussion followed regarding definition of one story and need for consistency to provide for appropriate zoning enforcement clarification. Motion by Reiffer, second Webb, to forward a recommendation to the Village Council to adopt Ordinance 2021-2 as presented. Motion carried, Prisk opposed.
4. No matters were brought forth during public session.
5. Prisk will be taking a virtual training by the Michigan Association of Planning.
6. Macak reported on a form-based code training.
7. Gallagher solicited feedback on the draft Capital Improvement Plan noting several changes based upon feedback from the Village Council. Roesner suggested that bike and pedestrian safety improvements be made at the roundabout and on the bridge. Gallagher stated that the document will come back to the Commission for final approval.
8. Macak introduced a request from a Village resident to review the 15' height restriction on accessory buildings. Discussion followed regarding variance denial at the Board of Appeals for this request; adjusting height with setbacks and/or size of lots; and adding an overlay district on Creyts Road. The Commissioners directed Gallagher to research surrounding or like communities and bring back options for review.

Motion by Reiffer, second Roesner, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

