

## **Burr Oak Township Planning Commission Minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting**

- I. Call To Order at 7:00 pm by Commission Chair Wickey

Members in attendance: Matt Craven, Kevin Wickey, Allen Kasdorf, Tim Peterson

- II. Pledge of Allegiance

- III. Approval of Meeting Agenda:

Chair requested addition of item to Old Business regarding the Crites possible request for rezoning.

**Allen moved to accept the agenda with addition, Craven seconded, motion carried.**

- IV. Secretary's Report

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 BO Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes were presented by the Secretary.

**Craven made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kasdorf, motion carried.**

- V. Chair's Report

1. Discussion on bringing our zoning ordinance up to date with current housing trends and opportunities. Mr. Clayton Lyczynski, Housing Coordinator for County Human Services Commission, presented his thoughts on creating opportunities for more housing in the township and county as a whole. Affordable housing is in short supply locally, and land acquisition and investors are needed, working with him to plan and implement multi-family housing and other types of housing. He suggested adding an amendment to our zoning ordinance to allow multi-family housing in several of our zoning classifications, as well as creating a Planned Unit Development section to allow for developments that don't fit neatly into particular type of zoning.

**Peterson made a motion for the Chair to appoint a committee of Ultz and Allen to research and present some language that might be considered in creating a PUD amendment. Seconded by Craven, the motion carried. Progress to be presented at next meeting and recommendations due by the end of the year.**

2. Discussion of language in zoning ordinance regarding operating a home-based occupation. Inconsistencies, vague definitions, and seemingly unnecessary restrictions in the special exemption use for family-businesses and home occupations within areas zoned 'ag' need clarification and possible change, as was noted by the Chair and several members.

**Allen moved to have the Chair create a committee of Craven and Peterson to rewrite the definitions of home occupation and family business, and present to the commission suggested language to change the zoning ordinance to make the requirements for such operation more clear and practical. Progress to be presented at next regular meeting and recommendations due by end of year. Seconded by Craven, the motion carried.**

3. Chair informed the meeting that the new chicken operation in the township had been the subject of a noise complaint to MDARD for generator noise. However, with no published GAAMPs on noise, it will be interesting to see how the issue is addressed.

VI. Old Business

Crites request for re-zoning. Since our meeting on April 15, at which Mr. Crites stated interest in rezoning his land from residential to ag, no application has been received from him to initiate that process. He was given the needed forms to apply for the rezoning at the April 15 meeting.

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Adjournment

**Motion by Kasdorf to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Craven, the motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 8:20 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Tim Peterson, Secretary*

*Next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission: October 21, 2024*