

LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Meeting was held December 17, 2024

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- Meeting was called to order by Sherrie Nowicki at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote; 7-0.
- All Present; Sherrie Nowicki, Kelli Atkinson, LouElla Hamiltion, Char Zavala, Mike Friesner, Barb Hines and Charles Ross.
- Kelli Atkinson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Charles Ross, motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.
- Kelli Atkinson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on October 3rd, 2024; seconded by Mike Friesner, motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.
- There were no public comments on Non-Agenda items.

Public Hearing:

- Kelli Atkinson made a motion to open a public hearing, seconded by Char Zavala, Motion was carried with a 7-0 vote.
- The Zoning Administrator, Doug Kuhlman, gave a review of the 12 parcels on page 4 of the Staff Report. Recommended changing these parcels from an Agricultural Production Zoning district to an Agricultural Residential Zoning district.
- Public Comments: At the special meeting there were approximately 10 to 12 guests present and public comments were taken during the public comment section of the meeting.
- Kelli Atkinson made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Charles Ross, motion carried with a 7-0 vote.
- The motion was made by Kelli Atkinson and seconded by Charles Ross to recommend the rezoning of the 12 parcels from Agricultural Production to Agricultural Residential Zoning District.

Old Business:

- Sherrie gave a review of the Master Plan, it is almost completed with only one area left to be reviewed. Hope to have all parts done by March so St. Joseph County can incorporate our plan and begin. Next meeting a copy of the tentative plan will be available to the board members.
- An update was given on the Short-term rentals, Lockport has one, Fabius has twenty-three, and Park has two that are registered.

New Business:

- Review on the Amendment to Battery Package Facilities Solar. By combining battery storage and solar panels the grant from Eagle that is available would increase. The battery backup storage area would need to be to the grid, but there are no other special needs for these battery storages.
- Barb Hines resigned as of December 17th, with this meeting being her last. Position needing to be filled.
- LouElla made a recommendation for Kelley Belshaw to take Barb Hines' position. This will be voted on by the Lockport Township Board.

Public Attendance:

- There was a public attendance of 10 to 12 guests.
- Next Planning and Zoning meeting is on January 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Char Zavala made a motion for adjournment; seconded by LouElla Hamilton, motion was carried by a 7-0 vote.