

Pine Grove Township

Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

26520 CR 388, Gobles, MI 49055

April 10, 2023 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kehoe
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Kehoe, Hill, D. Marculis, Richardson, Brown, Yaple, K. Marculis
Also Present: Rebecca Harvey
3. **Approval of Agenda for April 10, 2023:** *Motion by Brown, supported by K.Marculis to approve the agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
4. **Approval of Minutes for March 20, 2023:** *Motion by Yaple, supported by Kehoe to approve the Minutes as presented. All yes, motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** NONE
6. **New Business:**
 1. **Election of Officers:**
Chair: Kehoe was nominated by D.Marculis, supported by Hill. No other nominations were made
Roll Call: Hill - yes, D.Marculis -yes, Brown-yes, Richardson – yes, Yaple – yes, K.Marculis -yes.

Vice-Chair: Hill was nominated by D.Marculis, supported by Richardson. No other nominations were made
Roll Call: Yaple – yes, K.Marculis – yes, Kehoe – yes, D. Marculis -yes, Brown -yes, Richardson – yes.

Secretary: D.Marculis was nominated by Richardson, supported by Brown. No other nominations were made. Roll Call: Brown – yes, Richardson – yes, Yaple - yes, K.Marculis – yes, Kehoe – yes, Hill – yes.
7. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** NONE
8. **Old Business:**
 1. **Master Plan Review w/ Rebecca Harvey:** Rebecca Harvey and PC reviewed Master Plan

Harvey provided the PC with a copy of a recently written discussion on alternative energy for Barry County that could be retrofitted to meet Pine Grove Township needs if the PC would like something added into the Master Plan regarding alternative energy.

Kehoe stated that the Board wishes the PC to explore a decorative gateway entrance for Kendall. Harvey stated that according to the current zoning ordinance, governmental/public (township included) signs are exempt from the sign zoning parameters, therefor the township would not have height, width, size, location limitations. (The fire department does not fall into the government category, therefore, had to go to Zoning Board for exemption for that sign recently). Harvey stated that it would be worth discussing with the Road Commission to put a gateway entrance signs in the RC right of way at east and west ends of Kendal city limits on CR 388. In regards to the Master Plan, this will be put into the Master Plan as goals and objectives.

Richardson asked by the township did not allow single-wide mobile homes. A discussion revealed that perhaps it is maybe a minimum square footage standard. Brown stated that the “tiny homes” are becoming very popular so maybe the PC should have a discussion regarding “tiny homes” and single-wide mobile homes, etc. Richardson stated that the PC should revisit the semi-trailers coming into the township as accessory buildings and did not feel that anyone is holding the owners to the proper setbacks, etc. **The PC will discuss these topics next month when Zoning Administrator Priest is available.**

1.0 thru 6.0 and 9.0 was reviewed and all identified changes were approved.

7.0 and 8.0 are still being updated.

Page 51, Map #5 PA 116 Enrolled Lands – **QUESTION: Should this be updated? HILL WILL CONTACT THE ASSESSOR IN REGARDS TO THIS to see if any more lands have been enrolled since 2017.**

Hill stated that he contacted the assessor and he stated that the assessor does not have this information, that the Clerk should have this information. Marculis stated that she will work with the Clerk to obtain this information as the board is the entity that handles the PA 116 applications.

- 9. Commission Comments:** D. Marculis stated that Brown, D. Marculis and K. Marculis were re-appointed by the Board for a 3-year term on the PC on April 5, 2023 beginning May 1, 2023.
- 10. Adjournment:** Motion made by Richardson, supported by Yapple to adjourn. All yes, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting(s): 2023: May 15th, June 19th, July 10th, Aug 21st,
Sept 18th, Oct 16th, Nov 20th, Dec. 18th**

All meetings: 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Deborah Marculis

Deborah Marculis, Secretary, Pine Grove Twp. Planning Commission