

**ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
December 8, 2020
7 P.M. Conference Call**

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**SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM

**Members of the Public are invited and encouraged to attend  
the meeting by telephone as follows:  
CALL IN NUMBER: 866-866-2244  
CONFERENCE CODE: 8394169#**

1. Call to Order: On the Call: Patrick McGinnity (Beaver Island), Paul Cole (Beaver Island), Bob Tidmore (Beaver Island), Marcy Dean (Beaver Island), Nathan Altman (Los Angeles, CA), Lori Taylor-Blitz (Escanaba, MI), Kitty McNamera (Beaver Island) Rick Speck (Beaver Island) Absent: Beth Crosswhite
2. Review, modify if necessary, or approve Agenda
  - a. Added discussion about the January agenda. the new item was added to new business
3. Approval of Minutes of:
  - a. November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting - tabled
4. New Business
  - a. Officer Elections
    - a. Patrick McGinnity nominated by Bob Tidmore
      - i. Motion By Tidmore, seconded by Cole
      - ii. Roll Call vote unanimous
      - iii. McGinnity - abstain, Crosswhite absent
    - b. Vice Chair- Marcy Dean -Nominated and motion by Cole
      - i. Motion by Cole, seconded by Tidmore
      - ii. Roll Call vote unanimous
      - iii. Dean - abstain, Crosswhite absent
    - c. Secretary - Lori Taylor-Blitz Nominated by Cole
      - i. Motion by Cole, seconded by Dean
      - ii. Roll Call vote unanimous
      - iii. Taylor-Blitz abstain, Crosswhite absent
  - b. January Agenda 3rd Tuesday of January - with discussion of goal setting and aligning with Beaver Island Master Plan. Discussion to switch to a 6

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pm meeting time for 2021, all members supported. The regular meeting will remain the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of every month.

5. Old Business

- a. Planning commission membership update - Kitty McNamara updated the committee about the newly created Planning Assistant role, emphasizing the use of the correct title to avoid confusion. The new hire will work to support the board. Dean and Altman will assist McNamara, and McNamara will share applicant information with the Commission at large as requested.  
McNamara also reminded the board members to please visit the <https://www.michigantownships.org/> website and encouraged training for the commission members. Bob Tidmore suggested making a yearly requirement of all commission members to attend a minimum of three hours training per year.
- b. Zoning Ordinance updates (General)
  - i. Peaine Township to discuss the Wade Trim Proposal at their 12/8/2020 township meeting.
- c. Recreational Marijuana update
  - i. Tabled for the January meeting
- d. Food Truck Ordinance update
  - i. McGinnity and Cole were to research and did not have any results to share at this meeting. They will meet before the next meeting to pursue information. McGinnity asked for members to contact him about working on this project. Altman expressed interest in working on the marijuana or food truck issues.

6. Correspondence

- a. Tidmore asked about copies of the Ordinance for new Planning Commissioners. McNamara said the Township was getting them printed and would distribute.
- b. Speck discussed the zoning business...the Stein zoning change was approved by the township, and the application(s) for additional changes the owners are intending will be able to proceed after the 15 day waiting period and 8 days following the newspaper posting of the zoning change.

7. Public Comment - Members of the Commission asked if future remote meetings could resume on Zoom. Meeting ended at 7:40 PM

~~Adjournment~~

Next scheduled regular meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:00 PM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Taylor-Blitz and edited by McGinnity.