

St. James Township Planning Commission

September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

Resolution of 2023

RESOLUTION: To approve the Beaver Island Master Plan for adoption by St. James Township

WHEREAS, the St. James and Peaine Township Planning Commissions have prepared a Beaver Island Master Plan for the future use, development and preservation of lands within the Townships of Beaver Island, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3839; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Commissions have developed a Master Plan consisting of research and analyses dealing with social services, land use, demographics, infrastructure and resilience, new development, transportation, community facilities, recreation, institutional uses, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Commissions have used the Master Plan analyses to prepare a Future Land Use Map that allocates land in appropriate amounts for the future development of residential uses, commercial uses, recreational uses, agricultural uses, public and institutional uses; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Master Plan incorporates recommendations from previous and on-going land use/development documents and processes; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Master Plan was developed in cooperation with Peaine Township; and

WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Master Plan development involved extensive participation and input from the people of Beaver Island and other concerned stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Commissions held a Public Hearing on July 7, 2023, and considered all comments and concerns of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Planning Commissions recognize that the Master Plan and the Future Land Use Map are flexible guides for public and private decision-making; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of St. James Township hereby approves the Master Plan and Future Land Use Map, with revisions discussed at the public hearing dated July 7th, 2023 and resolves to use the Plan and Map together as a guide to overall development of the Township.

Motion Made by: VAN DE VENTER

Seconded by: RUNBERG

Further Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Lori Taylor-Blitz YES
- Mark Englesman ABSENT-EXCUSED
- Cynthia Pryor YES
- Beth Croswhite YES
- Juli Runberg YES
- Vic Van Deventer YES
- Paul Cole ABSENT

Result of Vote:

APPROVED Lori Taylor-Blitz

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Recording Secretary: Cynthia M Pryor
Cynthia Pryor – Recording Secretary
St. James Township Planning Commission

DATE: September 5, 2023

Submitted to the St. James Township Board for approval of the draft 2023 Beaver Island Master Plan on September 5, 2023

Cynthia M Pryor
Cynthia Pryor – Recording Secretary