

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Regular - Electronic Meeting Minutes**

A regular-electric meeting of the Charter Township of Union Planning Commission was held on September 15, 2020 as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Present: Buckley, Clerk Cody (arrived late - 7:27 p.m.), Darin, LaBelle, Shingles, Squattrito, and Thering

Excused: Fuller

**Others Present**

Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director; Zoning Administrator, Peter Gallinat, and Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Loveberry

**Approval of Minutes**

**Buckley moved Thering supported the approval of the August 18, 2020 regular meeting as amended. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence / Reports/ Presentations**

- A. Cody updates from the Board of Trustees
- B. Buckley no updates to report for the ZBA – lack of Agenda items

**Approval of Agenda**

**Shingles moved Darin supported to approve the Agenda as presented. Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

Open 7:15 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 7:16 p.m.

**New Business**

**A. Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee appointments**

**1. Township resident representative discussion/recruitment**

**Shingles moved Thering supported to appoint Matt Mertz as Township Resident to the Sidewalk and Pathway Prioritization Committee, term expiring 8/15/2021. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Buckley, Darin, LaBelle, Shingles, Squattrito, and Thering Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**2. Consideration of re-appointment of Jeremy MacDonald, current term ending 10/17/20**

**LaBelle moved Darin supported to re-appoint Jeremy MacDonald as Township Resident to the Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee, term expiring 10/17/2022. Roll Call Vote:**

**Ayes: Buckley, Darin, LaBelle, Shingles, Squatrito, and Thering Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

(7:27 p.m. Clerk Cody arrived on Zoom)

**B. Master Plan implementation – discussion**

Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director, provided a list of the following seven topic areas from the August discussion of the Master Plan’s implementation section and list of potential action plan items that were highlighted for further consideration by individual planning commissioners:

1. Housing
2. Non-motorized plan
3. Access management plan
4. Water quality
5. Industrial districts
6. Code enforcement
7. Capital improvements program

The commissioners went through and discussed numbers 1-3 and asked to have continued discussion added to the October Planning Commission meeting Agenda. The commissioners also expressed interest in arranging for a presentation on housing development challenges in the region.

**Other Business**

Community and Economic Development Director, Nanney announced that the Board of Trustees adopted the New Zoning Ordinance 20-06 that will be effective September 21, 2020.

**Extended Public Comment**

Open –8:37 p.m.

Matt Mertz, Bamber Rd. – Thank you for the appointment to the Sidewalk and Pathways Prioritization Committee. Commented on large parties and frat houses in the Township.

Closed – 8:32 p.m.

**Final Board Comment**

Squatrito – Commented on Mr. Mertz’s final comment stating that the Township has housing regulations in place and enforcement issues are handled by the law enforcement agencies.

**Adjournment** – Chairman Squatrito adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Alex Fuller - Secretary  
Mike Darin – Vice Secretary

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*