

**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 April 20, 2021 as a virtual meeting through the Zoom meeting platform.

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

Present:

Albrecht (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Buckley (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Clerk Cody (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Darin (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Fuller (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
LaBelle (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Lapp (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Shingles (location: Union Township, Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Squatrito (location: Isabella County, Mt. Pleasant, MI)

**Others Present**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Cody** moved **Lapp** supported the approval of the March 30, 2021 special meeting as presented.

**Vote: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Correspondence / Reports/ Presentations**

- A. ZBA updates by Buckley – No meeting
- B. Sidewalks and Pathway Prioritization updates by Darin
- C. Board of Trustee updates by Clerk Cody

**Approval of Agenda**

**Lapp** moved **Cody** supported to approve the Agenda as presented. **Vote: Ayes: 9 Nays: 0.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

Open 7:10 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed 7:10 p.m.

## New Business

\*Conflict of Interest by Commissioner Lapp acknowledged by the Commissioners

### A. **Application(s) for appointment to the Sidewalks and Pathways Prioritization Committee**

**Cody** moved **Darin** supported to appoint Jeff Siler as Township Resident to the Sidewalks and Pathways Prioritization Committee with term expiring 8/15/2021. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Buckley, Cody, Darin, Fuller, LaBelle, Shingles, and Squatrito Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

**Buckley** moved **Fuller** supported to appoint Phil Hertzler as Member at Large to the Sidewalks and Pathways Prioritization Committee with term expiring 8/15/2021. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Buckley, Cody, Darin, Fuller, LaBelle, Shingles, and Squatrito Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

### B. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

- a. Introduction by staff
- b. Planning Commission review and comment

Discussion was held, no action taken.

## **Other Business**

### A. **Annual election of officers**

- a. Vice-Secretary

**Fuller** moved **LaBelle** supported to appoint Shingles as Vice-Secretary per the Planning Commission Bylaws. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Buckley, Cody, Darin, Fuller, LaBelle, Lapp, Shingles, and Squatrito Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

### B. **Annual Review of the Bylaws - Introduction**

- a. Review of the updated draft bylaws
- b. Deliberation and action (motion to adopt the updated bylaws, and to recommend the updated bylaws to the Board of Trustees for final approval)

**LaBelle** moved **Buckley** supported to adopt the updated bylaws with option B, and to recommend the updated bylaws to the Board of Trustees for final approval). **Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albrecht, Buckley, Cody, Darin, Fuller, LaBelle, Lapp, Shingles, and Squatrito Nays: 0. Motion carried.**

### C. **Master Plan implementation (Recurring Agenda item)**

Discussion regarding webinar held by Home Builders Association 4/12/2021.

## Extended Public Comment

Open –8:40 p.m.

No comments were offered.

Closed – 8:40 p.m.

**Final Board Comment**

Squatrito commented that Commissioner Lapp and himself attended MDOT's public meeting highlighting the future Pickard Road Project

Buckley – Mentioned using social media to spread the word of happenings in the township

**Adjournment** – Chairman Squatrito adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Doug LaBelle - Secretary  
Stan Shingles – Vice Secretary

*(Recorded by Jennifer Loveberry)*