

TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA
MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744
Planning Commission Meeting

July 9, 2024

Board Present: Brandon Blatt, Tyler Ireland, Greg Eggert, Dwight Uhl, and Kim Vaughan.

Board Absent: RoseAnn Laskowski

Guest Present: Amy Prill (recording secretary), Matt Blatt (Supervisor), Jerry White (Zoning Administrator), Edward & Debra Lesko, and Gail Prill.

Minutes:

Motion made by K. Vaughan, seconded by D. Uhl to approve the April 9, 2024, minutes as presented – motion carried.

Public Comments:

A Resident stated that they are still having trouble with noise on Ambrose Road. This Resident understands that Marlette Township has a country noise ordinance and that Juniata Township recently passed a noise ordinance. G. Eggert stated that the Township Attorney gave us a copy of Marlette's ordinance however the attorney stated that these ordinances are very hard to enforce. The Resident asked how easy was it for Juniata to pass their ordinance and G. Eggert stated that passing the ordinance is easy but enforcing the ordinance is the difficult part. K. Vaughan stated that he would stop in and talk with the neighbors.

New Business:

G. Eggert stated that Kyle Thom has resigned from the Planning Commission as of June 13, 2024. G. Eggert wanted to thank K. Thom for his years of service on the Planning Commission.

Old Business:

Zoning Ordinance Amendments – G. Eggert stated that the Board has received copies from the Attorney of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments. M. Blatt asked if there was going to have specifics as to where the shipping containers can be placed on the parcel. G. Eggert stated that they did not specify location. It was also asked about the current shipping containers on parcels and the Board stated that currently shipping containers are not allowed and those that are in violation would need to be brought up to compliance. It was questioned as to whether shipping containers would have to follow the setbacks and yes they would. It was also questioned as to whether or not we should require a permit to place a shipping container on a parcel. G. Eggert asked if we should move forward with the zoning amendments and schedule the public hearing. A. Prill asked if the Board had considered any additional ordinances regarding solar farms because if they were wanting to make changes to those we may want to do that before the public hearing. G. Eggert and K. Vaughn stated they had not heard anything about this. Board decided to table the zoning amendments until they can look more into solar farms. Noise Ordinance – Board discussed the possibility of a noise ordinance. D. Uhl stated that it seems that the townships that have noise ordinances are having a hard time enforcing them. B. Blatt stated that we could pass the noise ordinance but it would probably not solve the problem. G. Eggert stated that he did not think a noise ordinance would help with the current situation on Ambrose Road. D. Uhl stated that there are more issues on this property than just noise. Board decided to not recommend a noise ordinance.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Amy L. Prill, Secretary