

Milton Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 7, 2023

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairperson Shirk
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
3. Members Present: Clanton, Egert, Shirk, Kretchman, Kraft, Sokol (Member not present: JT McDonald)

**Approval of Agenda:**

- a. Kraft made a motion to approve the agenda
- b. Kretchman seconded the motion
- c. No discussion
- d. Motion carried

**Approval of Previous Minutes: March 7, 2023**

Clanton made a motion to accept the 2/7/23 meeting minutes as written

- a. Kraft seconded the motion
- b. No discussion
- c. Motion carried

**Anyone wishing to Speak to the Planning Commission:** (limited to 3 minutes per person and not related to public hearing topics)

NONE

**Community Reports:**

1. Zoning Administrator - 9 building permits pulled to date with a most recent new home permit for \$1,100,000. She stated that the owner of the junk yard on Hwy 12 stays in touch and continues to work on cleanup but pace has slowed a bit. Bell Rd property still full of vehicles though she has sited owner several times and stated that it's time to involve attorneys.
2. Township Board Representative - Discussion about Broderick Way & May St being resurfaced.
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Representative - NONE

**Public Hearing:**

Chairperson Shirk read aloud from the agenda the Chairperson comments regarding public hearing procedure. Chairperson calls to attention the rezoning of 33381 US 12, Niles MI 49120 (Parcel ID#14-070-007-009-00) and welcomes owner John Tiffany of 703 N. Eddy St., South Bend IN 46617. Mr. Tiffany requests that the property be rezoned from residential to commercial. He states that he plans to keep the existing house occupied with his current tenants and has no immediate plans to change anything on the property. Long term plans do include commercial development.

Chairperson Shirk asks if there are any comments in support or opposition of the proposal and there are none. Member Clanton motions to accept the proposal and Member Kraft seconds. The individual pole of members for acceptance is as follows:

Clanton yes  
Kretchman yes  
Shirk yes  
Kraft yes  
Sokol yes  
Egert yes

Chairperson states that motion carries.

**Old Business:**

1. Solar farms zoning

Chairperson Shirk to soon make available to the PC printed copies of the proposed solar sample zoning from MI REDI project and the proposed solar zoning the had been previously sent to the BOT from the PC. Much continued discussion regarding the two MI REDI town hall meetings and the printed results and/or surveys of residents opinions from those two meetings. Chairperson Shirk to look into getting those results.

2. 2023 Road Projects - Shirk asked why Follmer St. didn't get done last year. Egert stated that Cass County Rd Commission ran out of season. The BOT is looking at having May and Broderick Way resurfaced.

**New Business:**

NONE

**Board Member Comments:**

NONE

**Annoucements:**

NONE

**Adjournment:**

1. Clanton made a motion to adjourn
2. Egert seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm