



# CASCO TOWNSHIP

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Casco Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Attendance: S. Coppens, G. Kaszynski, M. Karpinski, J. Sarcone, D. Hill,  
K. LaVere and S. Cassin Planner(s), 3 Residents.  
Absent – J. Edwards and K. Teltow.

Call to Order at 7:00 PM  
Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States

## **Consent Agenda:**

1. Agenda January 16, 2024
2. Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

Motion by G. Kaszynski to approve the consent agenda with the postponement of election of officers until the February Planning Commission meeting. Supported by J. Sarcone.

Ayes – 5            Nays – 0            Motion Carried.

## **CITIZEN COMMENT:**

This is for citizens wishing to address the Planning Commission on business other than the Master Plan 5-year update. All comments must be done at the podium and are limited to 3 minutes.

Linda Miller, 9759 Meisner Road asked about the proposed lavender farm. It was indicated that the applicant has not reapplied at this point.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Public Hearing
  - a. Proposed Amendment to the Casco Township Zoning Ordinance: Modify language in Section 75 to increase the length of time for submission of a Site Plan Review and/or Special Land Use Application together with the same number of copies of all required drawings and illustrations, and the site plan review fee as established by the Township Board from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission.

G. Kaszynski made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM. S. Coppens supported the motion.  
Ayes – 5            Nays – 0            Motion Carried.



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Planner Cassin briefed the Planning Commissioners on the proposed text amendment. There was no comment from the public. J. Sarcone made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM. G. Kaszynski supported the motion.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0      Motion Carried.

D. Hill asked the members if there were any questions. There was none. J. Sarcone made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the Casco Township Zoning Ordinance to modify the language in Section 75 to increase the length of time for submission of a Site Plan Review and/or Special Land Use Application together with the same number of copies of all required drawings and illustrations, and that the site plan review fee as established by the Township Board from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. The motion was supported by G. Kaszynski.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0      Motion Carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Site Plan Review – Perch Point 7930 Meisner Road.

The applicant was not present for the discussion. Planner LaVere briefed the members that Perch Point Conservation Club desires to construct a 10,875 square foot storage structure on site to replace two demolished structures. Planner LaVere stated that the proposed structure meets all standards of the ordinance, however the height of the structure needs to be communicated. Planner LaVere recommends approval once the height of the structure is known. G. Kaszynski had concerns about the use of the building for things other than storage. Other members voiced their concerns as well. D. Hill made a motion to postpone the approval of the Revised Site Plan for the proposed storage building at Perch Point Conservation Club until the applicant can be present to answer concerns. M. Karpinski supported the motion.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0      Motion Carried.

2. Set 2024 Meeting Dates

D. Hill read the meeting dates and time for the 2024 Casco Township Planning as follows; February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, and January 21, 2025. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and 4512 Meldrum Road, Casco, Michigan. S. Coppens made a motion to accept the 2025 meeting dates, time, and location. M. Karpinski supported the motion.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0      Motion Carried.

## MASTER PLAN 5-YEAR UPDATE:

1. Public comment on the master plan. (Note: Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission must do so from the podium. All comments are limited to 3 minutes.)

Time was given to the residents.



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## 2. Planner Update

Planner LaVere updated the commission on the Master Plan 5-year, with the focus on renewable energy requirements set by the state. It was indicated that Casco Township is not in a wind corridor, but solar farms can be developed. Specifics on the concerning setbacks and other requirements are forthcoming. One those are known; it can determine how closely Casco's current solar ordinance aligns with the state requirements. Planner LaVere and Cassin commented on agricultural preservation, that those programs are voluntary, and grants are available to assist local efforts.

Planner Cassin stated that he will be retiring, however he is committed to seeing the completion of the Master Plan. Planner LaVere indicated that she is offering her planning services to Casco Township

### COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Time was given to Commissioners.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Sarcone to adjourn at 7:32pm. Supported by G. Kaszynski.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0      Motion Carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Hill', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Hill, Planning Commission Secretary