

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission
Special Meeting Planning Minutes
November 9, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Jason Hofstede, Gabe Justinak, (6:02), George Kivi, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent:

Also Present: LeRoy Johnson, Brett Imwalle

Public Comment: none

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: Information from George Kivi on lot measurements. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Rohde to approve the agenda with the addition of information from George Kivi on lot sizes.

Approval of Oct. 21, 2021 Meeting /Public Hearing Minutes: Motion by Rohde, seconded by Kivi to approve the Oct. 21, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

New Business: Set public hearing date to be determined. Meeting will be held at the college.

Old Business:

Zoning Administrator's Report: Information on non-conforming lots was presented. Definition on chicken coops should be added along with a site plan. Variety of lot sizes, not knowing how many people will want chickens, and rental properties were discussed. Owner of a rental would have to apply for a special use permit vs. the renter. Responsibility would then be on the renter to comply with the permit. Next door neighbors would have the right to attend a public hearing if they have concerns with chickens. 30 foot and 100 foot setbacks from property lines/houses were discussed. Winter weather was a factor to take into consideration. Duplexes, four-plexes, would not be allowed special use permits for chickens. Motion to change the language of zoning ordinance 53, to have 30 foot back yard and 100 foot front yard setbacks, owner and occupant/renter of dwelling (by permission of owner) to apply for a special use permit for chickens. Motion by Rohde, seconded by Kafczynski, to change language of zoning ordinance 53 to reflect these changes. Roll call vote: Kafczynski, Lynn, Rohde, and Justinak voted yes. Hofstede, Kivi, and Lahtinen voted no. Motion carried.

Public Comment: A citizen said equal application of law should be applied in regard to all chickens. It is the duty under law to apply application equally.

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: Motion to adjourn by Rohde, seconded by Kivi. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:43.

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary