

**Charter Township of Ironwood  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2021**

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

**Roll Call:** Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Jason Hofstede, (arrived 6:04) Gabe Justinak, George Kivi, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** LeRoy Johnson, Rob Alexander, Joseph Sacco, Jamie Sacco, Bernard Brunello, Joshua Bale, Benjamin Bale, Timothy Bale

**Public Comment:** Bernie Brunello, Joseph and Jamie Sacco spoke in opposition to having chickens on Sunset Road. Rob Alexander, Josh, Benjamin, and Timothy Bale spoke in favor of having chickens on Sunset Road.

**Additions and/or Approval of Agenda:** Justinak requested that the Planning Commission approve a new/revised resolution to give the Zoning Administrator, LeRoy Johnson, the authority to impose fines or citations for violations on property owners in violation without the Planning Commission's approval. Motion by Kivi, seconded by Rohde to approve the agenda with this addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of July Regular Meeting /Public Hearing Minutes:** Motion by Rohde, seconded by Lynn to approve the July regular meeting/public hearing minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Discussion on giving the township zoning administrator authority to impose fines, perform duties without coming before the planning commission. This will be voted on at the next meeting. Language changes to the current zoning documents were explained by Johnson. Johnson discussed changes to the zoning ordinance documents (see attached yellow highlighted documents). The text amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

Chicken Ordinance discussions on amendments/changes to the zoning ordinance were discussed (see attached documents)

Johnson will set a date for a public hearing for the amendments to zoning ordinance and contact the Planning Commission board once this is done.

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Motion by Justinak, seconded by Kivi to place the Zoning Administrator's report on file. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Jamie Sacco commented on having the neighbor's permission to having chickens in a R-1 district.

**Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting:** A motion made by Rohde, supported by Kafczynski, to adjourn the Regular meeting and have Johnson set the date for the public hearing. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Jason Hofstede, Chairman

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Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary