

**LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting  
October 2, 2023

Chairman Mike Freehling called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2023 in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, 2055 West John Beers Road, Stevensville, Michigan 49127.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Tony Korican, Marc Florian, Charlie Olszewski, Glenn Youngstedt, Chris Miller, Andy Barbott and Mike Freehling.  
Absent: None.  
Also present: Jim Pheifer, Building Official and Recorder, Jacqueline Ross.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Youngstedt**, seconded by **Olszewski** motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2023 as e-mailed. No discussion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAETY**

The Department of Building Safety, year to date, has issued 8 permits for single family dwellings, last year there were 24. For the month of September 2023 there were 3 permits issued for single family dwellings. For the month of September 2022 there were 4 permits issued for single family dwellings.

This year, house construction values alone totaled \$5,632,012. At this time last year, they were at \$9,122,283.

In 2023, total construction (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing) permits for Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural and Residential districts estimated total values are at \$16,556,010. In 2022, total construction values were at \$18,828,452.

In the month of September, there were 191 inspections made on (building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and rentals).

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Research Sub-Committee  
**Olszewski** made mention of two outstanding issues left to address and that the Sub-committee would be ready to present at the November 6, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.

b. Chicken Sub-Committee

**Barbott** presented the information found by the Sub-committee regarding the keeping of chickens in non-agriculturally zoned parcels.

A long discussion followed.

**Suzanne Pscholka**, who is part of the Chicken Sub-committee also said that she could provide a current Ordinance that Ludington, MI was using for chickens in residential areas.

**Florian** inquired whether or not they were able to make a clear determination regarding if the Sub-committee was pro or con for a recommendation of Chickens being allowed in non-agriculturally zoned parcels. If they were not able to make a clear decision than asked that they provide a reasoning for both sides of the benefit and disadvantage of keeping chickens in non-agriculturally zoned parcels.

**Freehling** asked the sub-committee to use the information that they had collected to determine a recommendation and include their reasonings with the recommendation for review and present that to the Planning Commission.

c. Solar Sub-Committee

**Florian** said they were almost ready to make a recommendation in order to develop an ordinance, however, they still wanted to include a map of where Utility-sized solar could be located in the township, which was still in process.

d. Master Plan

**Florian** noted that **Andy Moore of Williams and Works**, was working on setting up a Zoom Meeting to go over the Master Plan process. A date has not been set yet.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting will be held on November 6 2023 at 6:00 p.m.