

Tuscola Township Planning Commission
Approved Minutes for December 14, 2020

This evening's meeting was conducted over Zoom due to Covid and public health guidelines at this time. Tuscola TWP Attorney Seth Kochus explained limitations of conducting business via Zoom in relation to Open Meetings Act, but is following the ruling, to help us continue in a safe, legal and productive manner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by John Bishop, Chairperson
Board Members Roll call: John Bishop, Jon Blasius, Gerald Peterson, Carol Smith, Larry Kern, Sarah Barber and Lisa Knoll, present. No absences.
Guest: Tuscola Township Attorney, Seth Kochus, present.

An invitation to the Public Audience was made by John Bishop, to share questions and/or comments during the meeting. Audience was instructed to provide their name and address in Tuscola Township prior to stating their questions or comments.

Old Business:

We reviewed proposed changes to Sign Ordinances, handout at the November meeting. Questions or comments? None offered.

New Business:

Resolution 20-1, Tuscola Township Master Plan Review adopted January 13, 2016, was presented by John Bishop.

John Bishop made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-1.

Supported by Carol Smith.

Roll call: Yes – John Bishop, Gerald Peterson, Jon Blasius, Carol Smith, Larry Kern, Sarah Barber and Lisa Knoll. No – NONE

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-1, Approved.

John Bishop made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on January 12, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Zoom, regarding Updates to the following Ordinances:

Signs, Solar and Wind power, Storage Containers and Fences.

Supported by Gerald Peterson.

Roll call: Yes – John Bishop, Gerald Peterson, Jon Blasius, Carol Smith, Larry Kern, Sarah Barber, and Lisa Knoll. No - NONE

Motion for date and time of Public Hearing via Zoom – Approved
Attorney Seth Kochus will place notice in appropriate newspapers.

Carol Smith made a Motion to move our next scheduled Board Meeting from Monday, January 11, 2021 to Tuesday, January 12, 2021, following the Public Hearing.

Supported by Gerald Peterson.

Roll call: Yes - John Bishop, Sarah Barber, Gerald Peterson, Jon Blasius, Larry Kern, Carol Smith and Lisa Knoll. No – NONE

Motion to move January Planning Board Meeting to Tuesday, January 12 following Public Hearing – Approved.

John Bishop appealed to any public viewers to offer comments or questions. None offered.

John Bishop reviewed how the Public Audience can join the Zoom formatted meetings.

Directions can be found on our Website or the door of the Township Hall. Those wishing to participate will be asked to give their name and township address, prior to their questions or comments. Thank you.

With no further business, John Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Supported by Gerald Peterson.

Roll call: Yes – Sarah Barber, Jon Blasius, Gerald Peterson, John Bishop, Larry Kern, Carol Smith and Lisa Knoll.

Respectfully submitted Lisa J. Knoll, Secretary