

**Caseville Township Planning Commission
May 7, 2024**

Meeting called or order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Bob Whitefoot.

Present: Bob Whitefoot, Chairman
Gail Atkins, Vice Chairperson
Charles Morden
Ron George
Kathy Wroblewski
Michelle Stirrett, Recording Secretary

Excused: Jerry Platko.

Whitefoot requested that special use permit enforcement be added to the agenda.

Motion by Atkins second by Morden to approve the agenda as amended, **Motion carried.**

Motion by Morden second by Atkins to approve the March 5, 2024 minutes. **Motion carried.**

Board Liaison Report: Stirrett reported that the Board approved the sale of bonds for Point of Sand Point Road special assessment and accepted petitions for the Beadle Bay channel dredging.

Home Occupation: Motion by Wroblewski second by Atkins to approve the Home Occupation permit for Christine Bowles for a sourdough bakery. **Motion carried.**

Master Plan: Review of the proposed Master Plan is complete and the next step in the process is to recommend to the Township Board approval and distribution of the Plan to reviewing agencies. **Motion** by George second by Morden to recommend the Master Plan be reviewed and approved by the Township Board and distributed to neighboring communities and the County Planning Commission. . **Motion carried.**

Short Term Rentals: Much discussion was held on this issue including enforcement, State Michigan proposed regulations, review of ordinances from several communities, deed restrictions, homeowners' association regulations, stating and nuisance issues. Consensus was registration rather than regulation was the first step to deal with the issue. George will compile a draft letter to be sent to all property owners with the December tax bill to establish how many homes are being used as rentals.

Special Use Permits: Discussion was held on the decision-making process when it comes to special use consideration. It was decided that no decision be made at the time of the public hearing, but at the following meeting a motion will be drafted to approve/deny with any conditions that may apply to the request. Whitefoot expressed concerns about enforcement of conditions of approval. Discussion was held on how to remedy issues if not compliant with use conditions.

Public Comments: None.

Board Comments:

George questioned the car port issue Port Austin Road

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Michelle Stirrett
Recording Secretary

