

Charter Township of Gun Plain
Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes of January 18, 2023

Members present; Sullivan, Lee, Bennett, Novick, Webber
Absent; Shannon, Albertson-Stowell

Motion by Sullivan 2nd Novick to approve the minutes of December 21, 2022
Approved

Motion by Bennett 2nd Novick to approve the Agenda as amended, add Election
of Officers to New Business Approved

Motion by Bennett 2nd Sullivan to amend the Agenda to appoint Lynn Robert
(Bob) Lee as Advisor/Liaison to the Gun Plain Planning and Zoning Commission
All Approve

Public Comment

Wayne Layman-would like to submit a Site Plan for US 131 Properties

Motion by Bennett 2nd Sullivan to accept for review, Site Plans for US 131
Properties, 623 11th St., from Wayne Layman, owner. Approved

New Business

Election of Officers

Motion by Bennett 2nd Webber to elect Sullivan as Vice Chairperson Approved

Motion by Webber 2nd Novick to elect Bennett as Chairperson Approved

Motion by Bennett 2nd Sullivan to elect Webber as Secretary Approved

Old Business

Future Land Use Maps- FEMA will be hosting a meeting on February 25th @
1:00 in Allegan regarding the Flood Maps.

We are required to adopt an ordinance which would go into effect June 2023.

Communications

We were informed that the Township Board has renewed Bennett's appointment
and did not renew Lee's appointment.

Board Comments

Compensation-When is this reviewed? VanDenBerg will add this question to the
Township Board Agenda.

Why did the Township Board decide not to renew Lee's appointment??

We were given no reason for the decision and the representative from the
Township Board was not in attendance, so we were unable to get any
clarification.

Motion by Bennett 2nd Sullivan to appoint Lynn "Bob" Lee as an advisor, liaison to the Gun Plain Township Planning and Zoning Commission, in accordance with the Gun Plain Charter Township Planning Commission Bylaws, under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801.

Which reads; The Commission may name "liaisons, advisors, legal and technical assistants" The purpose of liaisons is to provide certain Gun Plain Charter Township and quasi-Gun Plain Charter Township official's ability to function in advisory roles to participate in discussion with the Commission and to be involved in public participation". This appointment will include appropriate compensation. All Approve

Board Comments

We thank Bob for the diligence and energy he has put into updating our Bylaws, which is the footprint that we follow.

He is a valuable member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. This decision by the Township Board is very disappointing especially since there was no reason given by the Board.

Zoning Administrator

Thank you Bob

Motion by Bennett 2nd Webber to adjourn Approved

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