

Approved Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Reading Township Planning Commission  
April 18, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

**Rules of Order for Public Comment:** Anyone wishing to comment is required to use the sign-up sheet to do so. There will be a three (3) minute limit per comment. A person is allowed to comment one time during public comment, all comments must be directed to the Board, and anyone making public comment is prohibited from using public comment to personal attack anyone. The Commission has the option of answering, answering at a later time or date, not answering, or researching questions from the public.

**Call to Order:** By Commissioner Richards at 1911.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by all present.

**Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Tonnies, Mesarosh, Richards, Kast and Gollnick.  
Guests: H. Farris Township Zoning Administer, A. Andrews Township Supervisor.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve proposed minutes of January 24, 2022 made by Commissioner Gollnick, seconded by Commissioner Kast. Motion passed 5/0.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Commissioner's comments:** Commissioner Mesarosh updated Planning Commissioners regarding Federal Covid-19 relief funding - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to Reading Township for a total of \$180,000. Divided into two payments of \$90,000. One payment distributed this month and one payment distributed this summer. Monies are to be utilized for township projects related to public health expenditures, negative economic impacts caused by public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers or invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Per commissioner Mesarosh, the Township Board is accepting funding proposals for projects to benefit the Township.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Tonnies feels the lakes in the Township are too small for Houseboats on Inland Lakes to be an issue. No action taken.

Zoning Administrator Harold Farris would like wording added to zoning around the lake residential to protect those areas from commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. Harold Farris cautioned against spot zoning as that could lead to litigation against the Township. Commercial vehicles with a valid license plate can park in residential areas. Much discussion between Zoning Administrator and Commissioners about definitions of what constitutes a commercial vehicle and how to determine what the impact would be on the entire township. Commissioner Richards will speak with the Township Attorney to determine if there are other townships within the county with zoning related to commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. No actions taken.

**New Business:** Commissioner Tonnies brought up marijuana money received by Hillsdale County \$262,000, Camden Township \$112,900, Reading City \$169,000. Commissioner Tonnies would like the Planning Commission to be proactive by letting the Township Board know, if in the future, they would like to benefit from the monies related to marijuana production ie grow facilities, secure and processing, not distribution, the Planning Commission is ready to start the process of implementing the ordinance processes. Commissioner Tonnies praised Reading City's ordinances and felt the Planning Commission could use their ordinances as a blueprint. A lively discussion between the Commissioners regarding the positive and negative aspects of the Township participating ensued. Commissioner Richards recommended this be tabled until the Township Board indicated they wanted to proceed. No action taken.

Commissioner Mesarosh relayed the following information: the DNR okayed a goose egg round up for one year. This is where the residents at the lakes and Goose Busters are allowed to break the eggs laid by geese, therefore, decreasing flocks migrating to the lakes so a culling will not be needed. No action taken, as this is informational only.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Next regular Planning Commission Meeting** – July 18, 2022

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn meeting made by Commissioner Kast, seconded by Commissioner Mesarosh. Motion passed 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 1945.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Jenni Kast  
Secretary