

Norway Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.

Roll Call: P. Kivisaari, B. Pellegrini, , M. Steeno, R. Girardi

Absent: B. Swanson

Others Present: D. Byczek (Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator), B. Suheski

Approve Agenda: Motion by Pellegrini, second by Girardi, , to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.

1. Request for Change in Zoning – discussion on change in zoning of property on Hwy U.S. 2 by Brad Suheski. More information is needed to see if this can be done. Byczek will meet with Brad to get more information.
2. Update on Varda request for land sale – discussion was held regarding land sale. Determined that he was not interested at this time.
3. Information was given on roadwork, blight and tax increase for 2024.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Steeno, second by Pellegrini, to adjourn. Passed 4-0. Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Don Byczek
Recorder

**Norway Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.

Roll Call: P. Kivisaari, B. Pellegrini, , B. Swanson, R. Girardi

Absent: M. Steeno

Others Present: D. Byczek (Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator)

Approve Minutes: Motion by Pellegrini, second by Girardi, , to adopt the agenda as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.

Citizen's Time: None

Discussion:

1. Master Plan Update: motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Girardi, to proceed with updating the current Master Plan. All ayes. Will be forwarded to the Township Board for approval.
2. Recreation Grant: Norway Township was awarded a \$25,000 grant from Circle Power to be used on a recreation project within the township. Project to be determined at a later date.
3. Handling of Blight Issues: the commission felt that the current method of dealing with blight is working well.
4. Cemetery Paving, Trees and Summer Employment: 10 trees have been planted to replace the dead ash trees. Quote has been received for paving the remainder of the cemetery roads. 3 workers will be hired this summer.
5. Solar Project Update: Byczek reviewed the current status of the solar project.
- 6 County Rd. 573: Byczek is working with the road commission to get work done on County Rd 573 this year.
7. Township Election of Officers: all board seats are up for election this year.
- 8 Why the Church for Elections: due to the size limitations of the town hall and inadequate handicapped accessibility issues the elections were moved to the church. There has been very good feedback on the move.

Citizens' Time: None

Commissioner's Comments: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Kivisaari, second by Pellegrini, to adjourn. Passed 4-0.
Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Don Byczek
Recorder

Norway Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.

Roll Call: P. Kivisaari, B. Pellegrini, , M. Steeno

Absent: R. Girardi, B. Swanson

Others Present: D. Byczek (Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator)

Approve Minutes: Motion by Kivisaari, second by Pellegrini, to accept the minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 3-0.

Citizen's Time: None

Discussion:

1. Road work in township: ongoing roadwork was discussed. No action needed to be taken.
2. Cemetery Work: ongoing work was discussed. No action needed to be taken.
3. Recreation area work: ongoing work was discussed. No action needed to be taken.
4. Update on Solar project: ongoing work was discussed. No action needed to be taken.
5. Blight issues: ongoing cases were discussed. No action needed to be taken.
- 6 Industrial Park possibilities: still have some interest from a company to purchase the old warehouse. No action needed to be taken.

Board Member Comments: None

Citizens' Time: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Pellegrini, second by Steeno, to adjourn. Passed 3-0. Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Don Byczek
Recorder

Norway Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Pledge was recited.

Roll Call: P. Kivisaari, M. Steeno, R. Girardi, B. Swanson

Absent: B. Pellegrini

Others Present: D. Byczek (Township Supervisor/Zoning Administrator), Jessica Walter, CUPPAD Associate Director

Approve Minutes: Motion by Steeno, second by Kivisaari, to accept the minutes as presented. All ayes. Passed 4-0.

Citizen's Time: None

Master Plan Upgrade Presentation: discussed with Jessica Walter what CUPPAD can do to assist in updating the master plan.

Discussion:

1. Road work in township: ongoing roadwork was discussed. No action needed to be taken.
2. DTE tree application: grant of \$4,000 was applied for. Grants not awarded yet.
3. Solar Grant from state: Norway Township was awarded a grant of \$250,00 by the state of Michigan contingent upon start-up and completion of work at the Groveland Mine Solar Project
4. Recreation area plans: items being considered for the \$25,000 recreation area grant are a new flag pole, new signage, a pavilion, security cameras, and removal of the existing basketball court.

Board Member Comments: None

Citizens' Time: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Girardi, second by Kivisaari, to adjourn. Passed 4-0. Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Don Byczek
Recorder