



# Jackson County Planning Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Chambers • Jackson County Tower Building • Jackson, Michigan

**Members Present:** Mr. Timothy Burns, At Large; Ms. Nancy Hawley, At Large; Mr. Ted Hilleary, Education; Mr. Jim Videto, Agriculture; and Mr. Corey Kennedy, Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Roger Gaede, Environment; Ms. Pat Gallagher, At Large; Mr. Jim Minnick, Jr.

**Staff Present:** Mr. Jacob Hurt, R2PC; Mr. Zack Smith, R2PC.

### Others Present:

Item 1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 2. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 3. **Approval of Minutes.** Comm. Hilleary made a motion, seconded by Comm. Videto, to *approve* the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 4. **Approval of the Agenda.** Comm. Videto made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hilleary, to *approve* the July 13, 2023, meeting agenda as presented. *The motion was approved unanimously.*

Item 5. **Request(s) for Review, Comment, and Recommendation.**

a. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**

(1) **CZ | #23-08 | Norvell Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a proposed text amendment amending Article II Section 2.1.5.1 of the Norvell Township Zoning Ordinance by adding a definition for Boat Storage. Staff recommended approval of the text amendment application. Comm. Kennedy made a motion to *approve* the text amendment, seconded by Comm. Hilleary. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(2) **CZ | #23-09 | Norvell Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a proposed text amendment amending Article VIII Section 8.11 of the Norvell Township Zoning Ordinance by adding "access to public streets." Staff recommended approval of the text amendment application. Comm. Hilleary made a motion to **approve** the text amendment, seconded by Comm. Burns. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

(3) **CZ | #23-10 | Norvell Township**

Staff referred to a report regarding a proposed rezoning of property at 1421 Idle Hills Road in Norvell Township from Agricultural (A-1) to Single-Family Suburban Residential District 2 (RS-2). Staff recommended approval of the rezoning application. Comm. Videto made a motion to **approve** the rezoning, seconded by Comm. Hilleary. *Commissioners approved the motion unanimously.*

b. **Consideration of Master Plan(s).** None.

c. **Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) application(s).** None.

Item 6. **Other Business.**

a. **Unfinished Business.** None.

b. **New Business.** None.

c. **Notices.** A flyer for the Jackson County 2023 Citizen Planner Program presented by Michigan State University Extension was included in the packet. Comm. Kennedy reported to the Planning Commission that reimbursement funds are available through the County for Commissioners interested in attending the program. Mr. Hurt reported that the cost of the program is \$250 per attendee but the MSU Extension will offer a group rate of \$125 per attendee for groups of four or more attendees.

Item 7. **Public Comment.** None.

Item 8. **Commissioner Comment.** Chair Hawley provided the Commission with a handout detailing solar energy development that she had prepared.

Item 9. **Adjournment.** Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jacob Hurt, R2PC