



JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION:	Commission Chambers <i>Fifth Floor, Jackson County Tower Building</i>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Hawley (<i>At-Large</i>), Kennedy (<i>Jackson County Commissioner Representative</i>), Cole (<i>At-Large</i>), Wolcott (<i>Environmental Representative</i>), Minnick (<i>Industrial & Economic Representative</i>), Biddinger (<i>At-Large</i>), and Videto (<i>Agriculture Representative</i>).
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mr. Ted Hilleary (<i>Educational Representative</i>) and Ms. Pat Gallagher (<i>At-Large</i>).
STAFF:	Alissa Starling, <i>Recording Secretary</i>
OTHERS PRESENT:	Bill Richardson, <i>Waterloo Township Clerk</i>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
Pledge of Allegiance
Chairperson Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance rose and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
- III. **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
April 11th, 2024
Comm. Wolcott made a motion, seconded by Comm. Biddinger, to **approve** the April 11th, 2024, regular meeting minutes. **Motion unanimous.**
- IV. **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
June 13th, 2024
Comm. Kennedy made a motion to **approve** the agenda for March 14, 2024 seconded by Comm. Videto. **Motion unanimous.**
- V. **PETITIONS FOR REVIEW**
A. **Consideration of Township Zoning Amendment(s).**
1. **CZ24-12 Zoning Text Amendment** **Waterloo Township**
Bill Richardson, Waterloo Township Clerk, provided background information and context regarding the purpose and rationale behind the proposed amendments.
Commissioners discussed possible repercussions and whether the County has taken an “official” stance regarding solar and battery storage technologies for energy generation.
Chairperson Hawley mentioned the State of New York and their successes related to the proposed text changes.
*Vice Chairperson Kennedy made a motion to **approve with comment**, the*

proposed text amendment to include the phrase “systems with” when referring to battery storage technology.

Nay: Videto, Cole, Minnick, Biddinger; Aye: Kennedy, Hawley, and Walcott
Motion passed with a 4-3 vote.

2. **CZ24-13 Zoning Text Amendment** **Grass Lake Township**
Commissioner Cole initially made a motion to **disapprove** the amendment, seconded by Minnick. However, the **motion was later withdrawn.**

The discussion centered around the broad definition of “agricultural tourism” and its potential impact on residential areas. Concerns were raised about allowing this term without clear limitations, especially as genuine agritourism establishments emerge in primarily residential zones.

Commissioner Walcott suggested including stipulations for setbacks and buffers to address adjacent properties.

An amended motion was proposed by Commissioner Cole to **disapprove with comment**, seconded by Videto. **Motion unanimous**

3. **CZ24-14 Rezoning** **Summit Township**
Commissioner Cole noted while the proposed amendments include only the I-2 Industrial District, the Township should also consider adding additional provisions to accommodate situations where residential parcels are in close proximity to future asphalt plants.

Motion to **approve** by Kennedy, seconded by Videto. **Motion unanimous**

4. **CZ24-15 Zoning Text Amendment** **Summit Township**
Motion to **approve** by Kennedy, seconded by Videto. **Motion unanimous.**

5. **CZ24-16 Zoning Text Amendment** **Henrietta Township**
Motion to **approve** by Kennedy, seconded by Cole. **Motion unanimous.**

6. **CZ24-17 Zoning Text Amendment** **Napoleon Township**
Motion to **approve** by Videto, seconded by Kennedy. **Motion unanimous.**

7. **CZ24-18 Rezoning** **Grass Lake Township**
Motion to **approve** by Walcott, seconded by Cole. **Motion unanimous.**

B. MASTER PLAN(S)

None.

C. FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION (PA 116)

None.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

None.

C. NOTICES

1. Grass Lake Village Master Plan Update

2. *Henrietta Township Master Plan Update*

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

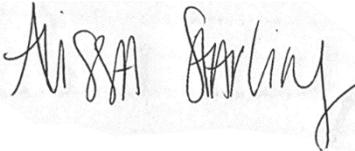
VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Chairperson Hawley discussed the Henrietta Chicken Bar-B-Q and the Fourth of July fireworks over Pleasant Lake.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully,

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*Jackson County Planning Commission
Recording Secretary*