

LEROY TOWNSHIP
8156 4 Mile Road
East Leroy, Michigan 49051

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER-

Chairperson VanVranken called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL-

Members present: Travis Arbogast, Kevin Smith, Mark Christoff, Pete VanVranken, Bobbie Suchan and Randy Lang

Members Excused: Phil Qualls

Others present: Township Planning & Zoning Administrator Rob Behnke and Tiffany Smith, President, MCSA Group, Inc.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES-

A motion was made by Kevin Smith to approve the January 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, supported by Randy Lang. **Motion carried with unanimous approval.**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS-

There were no public questions or comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Parks & Rec Plan- Planning & Zoning Administrator Behnke introduced Tiffany Smith, President, MCSA Group, Inc. The MCSA Group, Inc. has been hired by the Township Board to assist the Planning Commission in completing the first-ever Leroy Township Parks & Recreation Plan. Tiffany presented what they have done so far with a number of sections, specifically the *Table of Contents, Introduction, Community Description Administrative Structure, Planning & the Public Input Process.*

The discussion then focused on the proposed Citizens Parks & Recreation Plan questionnaire, which is a requirement. The members went through each of the questions and suggested changes. Tentatively, the questionnaire/survey will be available to residents beginning July 1, 2023.

Further discussion included obtaining pictures of people using Graham Lake Park, additional lighting, a handicapped kayak area, the creation of a fishing pier, possible expansion of the parking lot and identifying additional parcels in the township that the Township Board might be interested in purchasing as part of the parks & recreation plan.

Calhoun County Public Transit Authority- the Township has been notified by county personnel that the proposed creation of the county transit authority has been placed on hold.

2023 Local Road Repair & Improvement for Leroy Township- the Township has been informed by the County Road Department that the following local road projects have been approved: *4 Mile Road, between H Drive S and D Drive S & 5 Mile Road, between I Drive S to K Drive S.*

Special Meeting- it was discussed and decided that the Planning Commission would schedule a special meeting on June 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm to hear a re-zoning request on a parcel of land owned by TJ Traister & Jarek Jones.

GENERAL DISCUSSION/MEMBER'S QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS-

There were no other questions or comments.

ADJOURNMENT-

A motion was made by Travis Arbogast to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, supported by Kevin Smith.

Motion carried with unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB BEHNKE
Zoning Administrator
Recording Secretary