

**Ganges Township Planning Commission**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2022**  
**Ganges Township Hall**  
**119th Avenue and 64th Street**  
**Fennville, MI, Allegan County**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair: **DeZwaan** called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Chair: Jackie **DeZwaan** — Present

Vice-Chair: Dale **Pierson** — Present

Secretary: Phil **Badra** — Present

Commissioner: Edward **Gregory** — Present

Commission Trustee: Dick **Hutchins** — Present

Zoning Administrator: Tasha **Smalley** — Present

Recording Secretary: Jennifer **Goodrich** — ~~Present~~ -Absent

**II. Additions to the agenda and adoption**

A motion was made by **Gregory** to add Master Plan agenda as #3 in Old Business. **Hutchins** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**III. General Public Comment – None**

**IV. Correspondence and upcoming meetings/seminar**

**DeZwaan** stated that she had letter from Michael **O’Conner**/Saugatuck Weekends.

**V. Public Hearing – None**

**VI. Approval of the September 27, 2022 minutes**

A motion was made by **Pierson** to approve the September 27, 2022 regular meeting minutes, with corrections. **Hutchins** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**VII. Old Business**

1. Discussion and follow up Camp-It Commercial Small Cell Communication – Mr. O’Conner submitted a letter addressed to the Township Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of appeals stating he is withdrawing his applications for the tower. The Planning Commission acknowledged/accepted the letter and expects the tower to be removed within 60 days as stated in the letter. Smalley will send a letter to Mr. O’Conner stating the aforementioned.

2. Master Plan discussion – Danielle Bouchard, McKenna, went over Master Plan update. The survey has gone out. Few responses have been received. Keep survey open for another month. Danielle will send the raw data from the surveys for the Nov meeting. At the Nov meeting the PC members will go over the current plan and discussion—changes and/or topics to add. Danielle will attend the Nov meeting and listen to MP discussion to gather information.
3. Master Plan agenda – Danielle Bouchard, McKenna, went over a power point presentation. #1 Existing Conditions Analysis: demographic analysis, population went up 1.7%, house size went down 2.48 to 2.4, average age 52.4, decline in housing units. #2 Future land uses- shoreline protection, housing, agrotourism, commercial Blue Star/M-89. #3 community outreach – already went over, survey, etc. #4 Next Steps –survey results, goals and objectives, zoning plan. Should have full draft for review Jan 2023.

VIII. **New Business** – None

IX. **Administrative Updates**

Township Board- **Hutchins** – nothing to report

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)- **Pierson** nothing to report

Zoning Administrator- **Smalley** reported that there may be an application soon for a campground on 118<sup>th</sup>; Fennview Dr has final approval; no new information for Selah Way; have not done inspection sand mine Ciesla.

**DeZwaan** stated that the Cottage Home site plan approval, M-89, has expired, **Smalley** will look into it.

X. **Future Meetings Dates**

The future dates of the PC Regular meetings will be on November 22 and December 27

XI. **General Public Comment** - None

XII. **Adjournment**

**DeZwaan** Adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Tasha Smalley

Ganges Township Zoning Administrator



