

Marengo Township Planning Commission Minutes of the December 11, 2024 6:00 PM meeting

Call to order by Kent VanSickle, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Commission members present: Kent VanSickle, Jerry Buller, Greg Shippell, Jerry Bischoff, Todd Hazel, Justin Kazmar

Absent: Debra Huffman.

Motion to approve December 11 agenda, with correction to the correct date and removal of ESTES Trucking from new business, made by Jerry Buller, seconded by Todd Hazel. Motion carried

Motion to approve October 9, 2024 minutes made by Jerry Buller, seconded by Todd Hazel. Motion carried

Communications - No Communications

General Business

Election Of Officer for 2025 - All current positions were reelected by unanimous vote.

Kent Vansickle - Chairman

Greg Shippell- Vice Chairman

Debra Huffman - Secretary

New Business-

Change of Zoning request by Paige Richmond, for parcel located at 14850 22 ½ Mile Road, a Legal, non compliant property

After discussion on current zoning not following the current Master plan, a motion was made by Greg Shippell and 2nd by Jerry Buller to hold a Public Hearing on January 8 on the change of zoning

Discussion on review of Master Plan

Discussions were made on if any changes were needed from approval 5 years ago.

Discussed options to publish an open house for public input at a future Planning

Commission meeting. There was a general consensus for this from the Commission.

Discussion on additions and corrections to the current zoning

9.05 / 2 Strike the word "one" before " two hundred".

16.03 Replace "Health Department" with " Water Resource Commission".

14.02 Add Farm Implement sales as an allowed use, in accordance with the Master Plan.

A motion was made by Greg Shippell and 2nd by Jerry Buller to hold a Public Hearing on Jan 8, 2025 for these changes. Motion carried.

Old Business.

Renewable Energy zoning Ordinance recommendations from the Calhoun County Planning Commission.

Advisement from Consultant Bob Toland that local government units cannot make ordinances more stringent than State requirements.

Per the recommendations from the Calhoun County Planning Commission to Article 20, the Township Planning commission wishes to make those recommendations policies to discuss at site plan reviews, along with the discussion of above ground wiring requirements for first responder safety concerns.

Formatting and grammatical changes were discussed and agreed to. A motion to send the ordinance to the Township Board for approval, with only the formatting and grammatical changes recommended by the County Planning Commission, was made by Greg Shippell and 2nd by Jerry Buller. Motion passed

Commissioner Comments - Questions on status of several properties that were having issues with compliance

Public Comments - None

A Motion was made for Adjournment by Greg Shippell, seconded by Jerry Buller. Motion carried at 8:30 PM

Greg Shippell

Acting as Secretary pro tem