

**CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday October 10, 2023 Minutes
Work Session**

I. Meeting Call to Order

Chair Ryan Soucy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. Roll Call

Members present at roll call:

Ryan Soucy (Chair)
Donna Mullen-Campbell (Secretary)
Rebecca Sloan (Vice Secretary)
Stephanie Gencheff

Members absent at roll call:

George Meister (Vice Chair)
Don Rhein (Board)
Kendall Milton

Staff present:

Richard Bohjanen (Township Supervisor), Bill DeGroot (Township Manager), Dale Throenle (Planning Director / Zoning Administrator)

III. Additional Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda

Mullen-Campbell moved, Gencheff seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried

IV. Minutes

None

V. Presentations

A. Agriculture Zoning Townhall

Soucy gave a presentation outlining the purpose of the townhall meeting. The presentation was included in the agenda materials for the meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Draft Ordinance Considerations for the Agriculture / Forestry (AF) District Work Session

Commissioner Discussion

DeGroot addressed questions from those in attendance; the questions asked focused primarily on the reason for the proposed changes. DeGroot and Soucy stated that the primary purpose was to increase property rights, and to reduce the number of non-

conforming parcels within the Agriculture / Forestry (AF) zoning district.

Throenle stated that the maps in the room for the work session were not to be considered the proposed zoning map, as that will be developed in the future.

Commissioners met and discussed the proposed ordinance language with the public. Stations were set up in the meeting room that presented maps related to the topic, and handouts were available for the public to take with them.

A station was set up for the public to sign up to receive email from the Township and to provide additional written comments.

Received comments will be added as correspondence as part of the agenda materials for the next regular meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Rhein moved, Sloan seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

Soucy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Planning Commission Secretary

Donna Mullen-Campbell