

DANBY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

The special meeting of the Danby Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Township Hall, 13122 Charlotte Highway. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Planning Commission Members Present: Bahr, Brown, Dean, Lufkin, Russman, Schafer, Schroeder
Member Absent: NONE

Approval of Minutes:

Approved June 23, 2023 meeting minutes as written Motion by Bahr Seconded by Brown MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Agenda:

Approved Agenda as written Motion by Schafer Seconded by Dean MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items): None

Business Items:

1. **Home Based Business Application: Deer Processing – 12946 Charlotte Hwy – Public Hearing opened at 7:10; Public Hearing closed at 7:21**

- **Presentation:** Processing deer in back two buildings. One to cool down the other to process. Having youth hunt in September Getting dumpster with Granger for carcasses (weekly dumping). September – November. 4 yard dumpster with weekly pick-up.
- **Public Comment:** John Hooper (neighbor) cannot support because of environmental impact – thinks it will contaminate watershed. No hazardous waste allowed in home based business – deer carrying diseases. Waste water in septic. EAGLE does ground water discharge permits. Water, chlorine, contact EAGLE for permit. Bob Stewart: says most states do not require oversight – self regulated business. Agrees with watershed issue. Russ Wilcox: Deer die in farmland all the time. Steve Ward: what's the difference between washing your car and cleaning utensils?
- **Planning Commission Discussion:** Goal is to process 100 deer this year. DNR comes out weekly; already has permit for DNR. Recommended adding the condition that outdoor activities cease by 10:00 pm. Motion was made to send to the Township Board for approval. Motion by Bahr Seconded by Dean MOTION CARRIED. Majority approved

2. **Rezone Application for 11615 Tupper Lake – Daniel & Kelly Regis:** Continued to be tabled. The members reviewed the survey results, and it was overwhelming that the residents in this area want to be zoned AG, not RR. Public hearing to be held at next scheduled meeting to rezone Rural Residential properties on E Tupper Lake Rd & Clintonia Rd to AG. Motion by Lufkin Seconded by Dean. MOTION CARRIED

3. **Review the Master Plan:** Update all of Chapter 2; Page 14 – map 1 add Superior, McKenzie, and Cook Brothers mines; page 17 – add more major street names; Page 20 – add small section about renewable energy (to not alter the character of the community)

4. **Other Business:**

- Public hearing to be held at next scheduled meeting to update Section 5.04, F section in each district regarding the 4:1 width to depth ratio to match the State exemption that they not apply to new parcels over 10 acres. Motion by Schafer Seconded by Schroeder MOTION CARRIED
- McKenzie and Superior Mines were inspected August 16, 2023; both are complying

Public Comment (Any Topic): NONE

Announcements: Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2023

Adjournment: Adjourned at 9:44 p.m. Motion by Schafer Seconded by Dean MOTION CARRIED

Dated: August 16, 2023

Christina Bahr

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Planning Commission Secretary