

Empire Township Planning Commission, Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

The Empire Township Planning Commission was called to order by Tom Kaldunski at 8:00 PM.

Present were: Tom Kaldunski, Trent Larson, Doug Clark, Jane Kansier, Brad Fisher, Charles Seipel-Teng, and liaison Jamie Elvestad. Jared Sachs was absent.

The Planning Commission reviewed the following draft ordinances and language updates for each ordinance:

Ordinance 250-B, Overnight Parking Ordinance. Jane Kansier reported that the definition of Commercial Vehicle has been added to the Ordinance, with Commercial Vehicle meaning any bus, truck, truck tractor or tractor trailer combination which has a registered gross vehicle weight of 12,000 pounds or greater. Commercial Vehicles cannot be parked in Township ROW unless loading or unloading.

Ordinance 460-B, Pool Ordinance. Security fencing is recommended to be amended from a requirement of five feet in height to at least 48" in height. For above ground pools with walls at least 48" in height, the pool way may serve as the fence as long as the pool ladder or stairs can be secured, locked or removed to prevent access.

Ordinance 510-H, Public Utility Ordinance is proposed to be amended to reference the Township's fee schedule ordinance for water and sewer rates as well as utility hookup fees. Tom Kaldunski recommended that the Ordinance be updated to include language that says that utility rates can be amended by the Town Board from time to time.

Ordinance 515-H, the Township Fee Schedule Ordinance is proposed to be amended to include the water and sewer fee rates as well as an updated rate schedule for the rental of the Public Works Facility and it's required security deposits for damage.

It was noted that a public hearing on Ordinance 510-H and 515-H have been set for the January 4th Planning Commission Meeting and a public hearing on Ordinances 250-B and 460-B are recommended to be set for the January 18th Planning Commission Meeting.

The Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.