

ALBERT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 24, 2024

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Grachal, Commissioners Seguin, Righi, Schrader and White were all in attendance. Zoning Administrator McDonald, Township Supervisor Szukhent and Recording Secretary Marcotte were also present. Heather Runyan was present as a representative for NEMCOG.

Grachal made a **motion** to approve the agenda and the meeting Minutes from 01/24/2024 as presented, seconded by Righi. Motion carried with 6 yeas votes.

Supervisor Szukhent addressed those in attendance and provided a brief work history with various Boards and involvement in Master Plans. Mike highlighted the importance of community involvement in developing a Master plan and pointed to three important elements:

- 1) Identify assets/attributes
- 2) List of challenges
- 3) Vision for the future

Supervisor Szukhent emphasized the importance of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board in helping to shape the outcome of a successful plan.

Heather Runyan expressed the importance of community surveys and participation from a full range of demographics and ideas for reaching residents. Heather acknowledged that although the Albert Township Master Plan was updated in 2022, the award of a MSHDA grant makes this an ideal time to update our Master Plan and include Parks/Rec. as a separate chapter. Heather again emphasized the value of identifying Lewiston's "brand," and focusing the Master Plan around that idea. Housing is an area that must be addressed in the updated Master Plan and Zoning.

Wendy Williams suggested that the 2012 Community Input Survey be forwarded to the Chamber, ZBA, and Township Board for updates and input with an invitation to attend the May22, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. Mike Szukhent has already spoken to Shawn Huston and will communicate with the DDA. A goal of initial survey launch, to the community, will be the Father's Day weekend car show. The survey will remain open for a period of months. Township Secretary, Julie Marcotte, will forward the 2012 survey and meeting invitation to the various Boards and Chamber of Commerce.

Grachal made a **motion** to forward the current Ordinance to Amend the Albert Township Zoning Ordinance concerning Waterfront Setbacks and Nonconformities to the Township attorney for review, seconded by John Righi. Motion carried with 6 yeas votes.

Seguin made a **motion** to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., seconded by Williams. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary