



## Wexford Joint Planning Commission

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### DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Time & Date: 6:30pm, Monday, November 27, 2023

Meeting location: Wexford County Road Commission Meeting Room, 85 West Highway M-115, Boon, Michigan.

Coordinates: 44° 19' 32.5" N, 85° 34' 53.4" W (44.325685, -85.581500)

#### A. Call to Order@637pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

*Members Present:* (See Attendance Sheet)

Paul Osborne, Chairman (Antioch)  
Randy Brewer, Vice Chairman (Springville)  
Beverly Monroe, Secretary (Liberty)  
Richard Harvey (Boon)  
Marty Dahlstrom (Cherry Grove)  
Mike Woodward (Hanover)  
Lori Wetherell (Selma)

*Members Absent:* Marli Wendel (Slagle)  
Donna Taylor, Treasurer (South Branch)  
Vacant (Wexford)

*Others Present:* Robert Hall, Zoning Administrator  
Ben Townsend, Assistant Zoning Administrator  
Heather O'Connor, Recording Secretary

**B. Set/Amend/Approve the Agenda:** Motion to Approve the Agenda presented made by Marty Dahlstrom, supported by Mike Woodward and passed via voice vote. See ([Agenda](#)).

#### C. Matters pertaining to citizens, in the following order:

1. **HOUSING NORTH (via Zoom)** – Yarrow Brown, Executive Director – Presentation regarding the best use of MDARD Rural Readiness Grant.

**D. Public Comment** – The Chair recognized two (2) members of the public present. No comments offered.

#### E. Housekeeping Business

1. Consent Business
  - a. Approval of October 23, 2023 Minutes - Motion to Approve the October 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes as corrected (see below) made by Richard Harvey supported by Beverly Monroe and passed via voice vote. See ([Proposed Minutes](#))

#### **CORRECTION to OCTOBER 23, 2023 MINUTES:**

- B. Set/Amend/Approve the Agenda:** Motion to Amend the Agenda as Add 2ai Committee improve communication with Cherry Grove & Selma & 2 a iii Revisit Bylaws made by Beverly Monroe Richard Harvey supported by Marli Wendel Beverly Monroe and passed via voice vote. See ([Agenda](#)).

- b. Approval of Commissions Expense Report (pay the bills for NOVEMBER 2023) - Motion to pay November Bills (\$5556.48) made by Marty Dahlstrom, supported by Richard Harvey passed via voice vote. See ([Bills and Support Docs](#)).
2. Treasurer's Budget Report – Donna Taylor – Absent. See ([Bills and Support Docs](#))
3. Planning & Zoning Report – Robert Hall – See ([Staff Report](#)).

**Participating Municipality Concern(s):**

Since Cherry Grove Township conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as required under Section 11 of the Ordinance and Agreement. There has been no recitations / findings presented to staff for consideration of a budget to withdraw.

**AND**

**Items of interest**

- Working on presentation to kick-start MDARD Rural Readiness Grant program
- Selma Township Supervisor notified the ZA that they were going to discuss topic of withdrawal at their ~~November 14<sup>th</sup>~~, **rescheduled for: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** regular board meeting

**F. Unfinished Business & Reports** - (items considered here are taken up in the same order as established by the Commission to fix a priority for consideration and work done in the planning office)

1. Master Plan Approval by Participating Municipalities – Majority received by townships. Editing finalizations in progress.

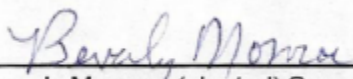
**G. New Business –**

1. Ad-Hoc (COMMUNICATION REPORT) Boon Twp – Harvey – Spoke with Pierson(sp?) & Nixon – concerns were short term rentals – very political – not timely – high fees – not enforced and no ordinance. K Schindler(sp?) willing to moderate a meeting. Not enthralled with MSU. Asked Ben/Bob to find an acceptable date for a possible Special Meeting or Work Session with Cherry Grove. And a spreadsheet of past fees to be able to adjust accordingly. Discussion of possible use of escrow in permit fee structure.
2. Ad-Hoc (JUNK & BLIGHT REPORT) Slagle Twp – Wendel - Absent

**H. Public Comment –** Comment noting fees may not be high enough

**I. Adjournment –** Motion to adjourn made by Marty Dahlstrom, supported and adjourned at 8:02pm.

Prepared by Heather A. O'Connor, Recording Secretary, for Secretary  
Respectfully submitted:

  
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Beverly Monroe, (elected) Secretary