

BAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2023
Bay Township Hall

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 Dave Skornia (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge of
3 Allegiance. Also, in attendance were: Barb Mathes-Alguire (PC Vice-Chair and Parks and
4 Rec Rep), Nancy Blandford (ZBA Rep), Daniel Lisonbee, Steve Van Dam (Board of
5 Trustees Rep), and Jamie Shepherd. Also present: Kristin Baranski (Recording Secretary)
6 ZOOM and Ron Van Zee (Zoning Administrator). Excused: Joe Jones (Secretary)

7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

8 **APPRECIATION OF SERVICE**

9 Supervisor Gaudard presented Jamie Shepherd with a plaque of appreciation for his 15
10 years of service to Bay Township. The Planning Commissioners all joined in appreciation
11 for Jamies commitment and thoughtfulness he has provided over the years.

12 **AGENDA AND**

13 **PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

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15 **MOTION BY Van Dam, seconded by Blandford to approve the November , 2023 regular**
16 **Planning Commission meeting minutes as amended, and the December 5, 2023**
17 **agenda as presented passed upon unanimous affirmation vote of the Board Members.**

18 ***Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Shepherd, Lisonbee, Mathes-Alguire, Van Dam***

19 ***Nays: None***

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

22 Public comments opened at 7:02 pm and closed at 7:08 pm.

23 **ARTICLE 6 DISCUSSION**

24 Planning Commission continues to review and discuss Anna McGlashen (Tip of the
25 Mitt) recommended edits on Article 6. Topics included:

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 - Definition of ‘mature’ tree to ensure a healthy canopy

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- 27 • 20% of vegetation maybe ‘Selectively removed’
- 28 • Root system is important
- 29 • ‘Selective Pruning’ verbiage will encourage pruning of existing trees may and
- 30 help to prevent tree removal
- 31 • Representative from Township (Site Plan Review Committee) approval prior
- 32 to removal of trees within water frontage
- 33 • Property owners MUST preserve vegetation on no less than 80% of shoreland
- 34 protection strip
- 35 • McGlashen will make edits and provide feedback at next meeting.

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37 **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

38 Van Zee presented an oral report. Planning Commissioners discussed topics presented
39 at a Countywide Zoning Forum. Topics included: Solar Farms, Renewable Energy,
40 Wetlands/Ordinary High-Water Marks

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42 **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT**

43 Next ZBA will be on January 15, 2024.

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45 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**

46 Van Dam presented an oral report.

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48 **OTHER CORRESPONDANCES/PC COMMENT**

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50 **PUBLIC COMMENTS** Public comments opened and closed at 9:04 pm with no comment.

51 **ADJOURNMENT**

52 **MOTION by Van Dam seconded by Lisonbee to adjourn at 9:04 pm, passed upon**
53 **unanimous affirmative vote of the Board Members.**

54 ***Yeas: Skornia, Blandford, Shepherd, Lisonbee, Mathes-Alguire, Van Dam***

55 ***Nays: None***

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57 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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60 **Kristin Baranski**

61 **Recording Secretary**