

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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**1) Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

**2) Role Call:**

Tippman - present

Kiry – absent

Odland - present

Meyer – present

Poole – present

Dibble – present

Nicol – present

Motion by Tippman to excuse Kiry, second by Poole. 6-0, yes. Motion passed.

**3) Approval of the Agenda**

Smalley stated the applicant for Bent Creek sent a memo asking to be removed from the agenda, Unfinished Business “a” to be removed, re-number. Motion by Meyer to approve the agenda with change, second by Dibble, 6-0 yes, motion passed.

**4) Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Nicol to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023, second by Dibble, 6-0, yes motion passed.

**5) Public Comment non-agenda items - none**

**6) Communications / Correspondence - none**

**7) Public Hearing - none**

**8) New Business - none**

**Unfinished Business –**

a. Master Plan revision / update

Brad Kotbra, Williams and Works gave update on survey: to date 31 responses received. We need to come up with creative ways/ideas to get the word out. Local papers, radio, social media, township sign, hand out flyers, library, church, etc.

Visioning Exercise – vision for an ideal future for South Haven Township. Opportunities and threats. Few things stated for opportunities: stay rural, room to build, affordable homes, alternative energy, public/private collaborations, engage non-profits, mediated growth, job opportunities, sense of community, community activities. Few things stated for threats: city encroachment, increase traffic, infrastructure decay, losing rural character, lack of affordable housing, lack of enforcement of rules/codes, 425 agreements, attitude toward progress, short term rental frenzy

Current Goals and Objectives worksheet- Keep Revise Combine Remove: Goal/Policy

Community – keep a-d, remove e, replace e with sense of community, revise too

Housing- keep.

Business – remove a, keep b replace wind with solar, add bring jobs and home related business.  
Revise too.

Natural features – keep a, b add protect shoreline. Parks/Rec – keep.

Transportation- remove safe routes to schools, add walkable roads, bikes, wide shoulders

Utilities – revise a, internet, master meter, want to expand. Revise too

Public works – keep

Brad will take the discussion information and continue with draft.

Discussed and set up Open House for the Master Plan tentative April 22 or April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**10) Staff & Subcommittee report**

ZBA report- Tippman – no meeting

Board report – refer to Board minutes

Zoning report – Smalley – upcoming: race track review, Bent Creek

**11) Commissioner Comments and Public Comment –**

Poole and Meyer will be absent April meeting. Odland would like to examine 15.29 Micro-housing to expand and add lease/rental day limit.

**12) Adjournment**

at 9:05pm

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

*Tasha Smalley*

*Zoning Administrator/Recording Secretary*