

Planning Commission Minutes  
March 21, 2024 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Golding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Chairman Tim Golding – Present

Marc Cuddie – Present

Mark Jewell – Present

Tom Brennan – Present

Heather McDougall – Present

Dale Lucas – Present

Jim Warbritton – Present

Also Present: Dan Campbell Zoning Administrator, Attorney Kyle O’Meara, Board Member Scott Bray.  
Also attending are approximately 30 residents.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve as written by McDougall, seconded by Jewell. All Ayes. Motion Carried

**Approval of February 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve as written by Brennan, supported by Warbritton. All Ayes. Motion Carried

**Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission**

Kyle O’Meara – Attorney of Grass Lake Township – stated he was here to give his advice to the Planning Commission on the SUP Permit for Target Trucking

Approximately 8 residents addressed the Commission their concerns pertaining to Target Trucking and the expansion of the mine

**New Business**

Joe Maynard (Washtenaw Engineering) Spoke to the Commission pertaining to the SUP for expanding existing lake from 9.9 acres to 33 acres. Approximately 4 years ago EGLE started the process with Target

Trucking. EGLE gave ample amount of time for the public to come forward with their concerns. February of 2024 EGLE issued a permit. These reviews are in compliant with the site plan with the Township. The material will be removed by the lake with a suction barge. County Health Dept has tested for dust and is supplied to the township for their record. Brine on roadway – pave 150 ft of the entrance for dust control.

### **Public Comment**

Approximately 9 residents presented to the commission their concerns if their wells were to dry up. They would like something in writing from Target Trucking on what their procedures are. Also, the berms are a big issue.

Public Comment closed at 8:02 p.m. Motion by Lucas, seconded by Brennan. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jerry Sisnowski (Architect ) works with Target Trucking. He attends meetings and there is a lot of unanswered questions and will try to answer them.

Tom Zenz who owns the land began the pit in 1995. Target Trucking took over in 2015 Michigan 1 of 3 states to have joint permit arrangement. The Federal Government watches over them. There is a 360 page report that spells out every concern that was brought up. Every well, stream, wetland has been modeled. Up to now anything 4ft above existing ground water is mined in traditional means. When there is a complaint MSHA will come out as well as Jackson County Health Dept. Tall Prairie grass will get 8 ft tall. What they are proposing is to plant live plugs not seed. Pertaining to a residents well going dry Target Trucking will replace it. It is stated in their documents.

Jeff Burrell also clarified some additional concerns – Target Trucking will be fined by MSHA between \$5k – 10K when they have any violations.

Kyle O’Meara advised the Commission that he would draft a proposal for the next meeting.

A motion by Brennan, second McDougall, to have a Work Session Meeting on April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. This will be open to the public. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

### **Proposed Business for Next Regular Meeting and Meeting Date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Agricultural Tourism Zoning Amendments will be on the agenda

### **General Discussion**

None

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Brennan, seconded by Lucas. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Sherwood Recording Secretary