

**Draft of the Antwerp Township Planning Commission Meeting  
October 4, 2023**

1. **Call to Order**-Chairman Paquin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Roll Call-Present:** Tarchala, Paquin, Schultz, Kneeshaw  
**Absent and Excused:** Cronenwett, Marshall  
**Also Present:** David Jirousek, Horizon Community Planning, and guest
3. **Approval of Agenda**-Motion by Tarchala second by Kneeshaw to approve the agenda as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
4. **Approval of Minutes-September 6, 2023.** Motion by Kneeshaw second by Tarchala to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023 as reworded/corrected by Paquin. 8B. Second sentence to read: Goal at this point is to discuss with commissioners at the October meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Public Comments on Items not Scheduled for Public Hearing**-none
6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Special Land Use. Paw Paw Seventy Day Adventist Church** requests retroactive approval of a digital ground sign at 60409 M-40 Highway, Paw Paw, MI. 49079 (Parcel 80-02-019-006-00).

**Public Hearing**

Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Paquin at 6:40 PM.

Applicant/Contractor Mitch Conroe gave review of the request for a digital ground sign.

David Jirousek gave his review of the request and previous action taken by the ZBA.

There being no further public comment public hearing was closed.

Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to close the Public Hearing at 6:47 PM.

**Consideration of A Special Land Use. Paw Paw Seventh Day Adventist Church** requests retroactive approval of a digital ground sign at 606409 M-40 Highway, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (Parcel 80-02-019-006-00).

David Jirousek discussed with commissioners his recommendations on the request.

Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to recommend special land use approval for the digital sign, with the following conditions recommended:

1. The sign shall comply with the Highway Advertising Act message change rate of one change per 6 seconds (or higher if determined by the Planning Commission).

2. Light intensity shall be reduced at dusk, nighttime hours, and dawn. Display brightness shall be adjusted as ambient light levels change and shall be subject to review by the Zoning Administrator. In no case shall lighting exceed 0.3 foot-candles above ambient conditions.

All voted in favor. Motion carries.

**7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Map and Text Amendment. Wellhead Protection Overlay District.**

**Public Hearing** was called to order by Chairman Paquin at 6:50 PM.

No Public Comment

Motion by Tarchala second by Kneeshaw to close the public hearing at 6:51 PM

**Consideration of a Zoning Ordinance Map and Text Amendment. Wellhead Protection Overlay District.**

Paquin discussed with commissioners Standards of Performance, Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendments for this district. Notice will be given for a November Public Hearing.

**8. Consideration of Planning Commission Bylaws**

Discussion of the Proposed Planning Commission Bylaws proposed draft 09-27-23.

Motion by Tarchala second by Schultz to approve the Planning Commission Bylaws as presented.  
All voted in favor. Motion carries

**9. General Discussion**-David Jirousek brought up the subject of reviewing the Master Plan.

**10. Additional Comments and Communications**-Tarchala gave commissioners update on Antwerp Township Board.

**11. Adjournment**-Motion by Tarchala second by Kneeshaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.  
All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise M. Schultz, Secretary