

**Pellston Planning Commission**  
**April 3, 2023**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order – Meeting brought to order and Roll Call began at 7:05PM
  
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Douglas W. Craven, Chairman	PRESENT
Jim Gillett, Vice Chairman	PRESENT
Carolina Mallory, Secretary	EXCUSED
Eric Ward, Commissioner	PRESENT
Vacant, Commissioner	VACANT
Jackie Pilette, Commissioner	PRESENT
John Latocha, Commissioner	PRESENT
Randy Bricker, Commissioner/Zoning Admin.	PRESENT
  
3. Adopt Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Jim.  
Motion: Jim            Second: Randy  
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion to adopt agenda as presented passed.
  
4. Minutes: Motion by Randy to table Meeting Minutes from March until the next meeting in May:  
Motion: Randy            Second: Jackie  
Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion to table the March Meeting Minutes until the next meeting passed.
  
5. Zoning Administrator Report
  - a. New Permits issued/Updates: Randy said are numerous violations, lots of cars needing to be moved, and they are making progress in cleaning up.
  - b. New Construction: Randy received a call from a man who would like to build a house in the Office Park area (Milton/Bogardus).
  
6. New Business
  - a. Andrea Jacobs, Housing North: She is working with the State on a program to help get local funding for the next steps; discussed tax incentive tools

including tax credits, abatements, or just directing development. Doug mentioned that an email or short description laying out the different incentives pros and cons would be helpful to make those decisions. John asked about assistance to get the gas line to the house – Andrea suggested contacting Emily from Habitat for Humanity to see if they could assist.

b.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Master Plan Update – Jim said no new updates, last checked they were working on Chapter 4
- b. Renewable Energy – meetings Mar 30, Apr 1, and May 11.
- c. Housing in Pellston Discussion/Partnership
- d. Other:
  - i. Follow Up Items:
    - a. Natural Gas South Pellston – Eric’s said to contact Chris Waltz DTE Marketing if issues hooking up; Emmet shut down for Frost Laws until May.
    - b. Trailhead – Mostly likely not happening - contractor backed out; Jim will ask Council what they want to do with project donor funds.

## 8. Public Comment: Opened at 7:45 –

- a. Todd & Heather Slocum (6200 Edgar) discussed snow plow damage to their lawn; requested to change language from “sweep” to “repair.”
- b. Jackie: Emmet Conservation District tree sale
- c. Jim: zoning Wed. with OHM looking at areas for growth in the Village.
- d. Jim: June 27 community picnic w/food and steel drum band - starts 6pm. Kayla to do posters. Question about event sponsorship from DTE/others?

## 9. Next Meeting: May 1, 2023

## 10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Jackie at 8:01PM

Motion: Jackie                      Second: Randy

Ayes: all; Nay: none. Motion passed - Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.