

**Pierson Township Planning Commission
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd.
Pierson, MI 49339**

**Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

- A) Call to order: 7:00pm
- B) Pledge of Allegiance
- C) Roll Call Present: Grice, Ward, Lecceadone, Smith, Ericksen
- D) Minutes from the Feb. 24, 2022 meeting approved.

- E) Public Comment: Chair Lecceadone announced that while public comment is welcome, it is not meant for Q & A regarding events which have not yet occurred. A question was raised from a Pierson Twp. Resident asking whether the township map is currently up to date as far as the zoning for the Whitefish golf course is concerned. Deputy Supervisor Gates responded that the current map is correct and up to date, and can be reviewed at the township hall or website.

- F) New Business: None

- G) Ongoing business:
 - 1. A public hearing was opened regarding an amendment to the township Ordinance page 4-16, Section 4.30., subsections (c) and (d) to replace the words "R-1 District" to "all Districts". After public comments were heard, the commission voted to approve the change.
 - 2. After review of the current township Ordinance page 4-4, Section 4.16., subsections (c), (d), and (e), it was discovered that there are no rules for accessory buildings in RR or AG Districts. Deputy Supervisor Gates has requested that the subcommittee formed at last month's meeting include these districts into their review of and recommendations for Pierson Township. The subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to the planning commission at its next meeting on April 28, and if completed, again during a public hearing in May.
 - 3. The committee has not received any further correspondence from Mr. Clegg since last month's meeting concerning his request for a Special Land Use permit to build a landing strip in an AG zone. Therefore, any public hearing on the matter is delayed.

- H) The Township Board recently approved the addition of two more members to the planning commission. Therefore, tonight's agenda was amended to include discussion with potential applicants for these openings. A seven member committee will increase the necessary quorum count to 4, and make the committee more representative of the entire township. Also, as the township continues to grow and develop, a larger commission will also make it easier to spread around the workload. Supervisor Buyze welcomed Patrick Maioho, Paul "Chip" Dunneback, and Dave Tibbe who shared their qualifications and the reasons for serving. The planning commission decided to approve all three applicants, with one of them serving as an alternate commission member.
- I) Old Business: None
- J) Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.