

**Keeler Township  
Planning Commission Meeting  
June 27, 2023**

**Members Present:** Bill Krohne, Craig McCoy, Jake Meachum, Mark Pajakowski, Jerry Morin, Bill Zuhl. Carmen Fleischauer was absent and excused.

**Guests Present:** Allyn Anthony, Carl Davis.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. A roll call of members present was taken. Bill Krohne, Craig McCoy, Jake Meachum, Mark Pajakowski, Jerry Morin, Bill Zuhl were present. Carmen Fleischauer was absent and excused. Chairman Mark Pajakowski stated a quorum of 6 out of 7 members were present.

The meeting minutes for May 23, 2023 were read and Craig McCoy moved to approve the minutes as written. Bill Zuhl seconded and all were in favor.

Chairman Mark Pajakowski presented the agenda for the meeting. Jerry Morin moved to accept the agenda. Jake Meachum seconded and the agenda as presented.

**Old Business:** Boothby parking issue has been resolved. Allyn Anthony will forward the email from the Van Buren County Road Commission to the Recording Secretary and Chairman Mark Pajakowski.

**1st Order of Business:** The scheduled Site Plan Review for Mr. Huston has been postponed due to a family emergency and it will be rescheduled for a later date.

**Open the Public Hearing for Master Plan at 7:12 p.m.** It was noted that the public hearing for the 2023 Master Plan was noted in publication and letters as required. Chairman Pajakowski asked if we received any correspondence concerning the Master Plan. The floor was open at 7:12 p.m. to any public comments. Allyn Anthony commented that the Planning Commission did their due diligence and a great job with the Master Plan. Mark Pajakowski read a letter from the Berrien County Planning Commission commended the township on creating a comprehensive master plan consistent with neighboring communities. Keeler Township Clerk Carl Davis stated that Van Buren County Planning Commission approved the proposed Master Plan as well. No other comments were heard. The public comment portion was closed at 7:14 p.m. Jerry Morin moved to approve the Resolution for the Master Plan as presented. Craig McCoy seconded and a roll call vote was taken. Jerry Morin- support, Bill Zuhl-support, Bill Krohne-support, Craig McCoy-support, Mark Pajakowski-support, Jake Meachum-support, Carmen Fleischauer-absent. Six in support and One absent. The motion carried. At 7:20 Chairman Mark Pajakowski closed the public meeting for the Master Plan.

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KEELER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
(Resolution No. 2023-4)

At a regular meeting of the Keeler Township Planning Commission held on June 27, 2023, at the Keeler Township Hall, the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Planning Commission Member Jerry Morin and was seconded by Planning Commission Member Craig McCoy.

**1 A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED KEELER TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AND CONSTITUTING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF SUCH MASTER PLAN**

2 WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3801 et seq. ("MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development, and preservation of all lands in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission prepared a Master Plan and submitted such plan to the Township Board for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023 the Keeler Township Board received and reviewed the proposed Master Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and authorized the distribution of the Master Plan to the Notice Group entities identified in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, notice was provided to the Notice Group entities as provided in the MPEA; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on today's date to consider public comment on the proposed Master Plan, and further review and comment on the proposed amended Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the proposed amended Master Plan is desirable, proper, and reasonable and furthers the use, preservation, and development goals and strategies of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Approval of 2023 Master Plan.** The Planning Commission approves the proposed updated Master Plan, including all of the chapters, figures, descriptive matters, maps, and tables contained therein.
2. **Distribution to Township Board.** Pursuant to MCL 125.3843, the Township Board has asserted by resolution its right to approve or reject the proposed Master Plan and therefore, the approval granted herein is not the final step for adoption of the plan as provided in MCL 125.3843. In addition, the Planning Commission hereby approves distribution of the proposed amended Master Plan to the Township Board. The Planning Commission respectfully recommends that the Township Board give final approval and adoption of the proposed Master Plan.
3. **Findings of Fact.** The Planning Commission has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the Township, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, and input received from the Township Board and at the public hearing, as well as the assistance of a professional planning group. The Planning Commission also finds that the amended Master Plan will accurately reflect and implement the Township's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands within Keeler Township.
4. **Effective Date.** The Master Plan will be effective upon adoption by the Township Board.

YEAS: Six; Jerry Morin, Bill Zuhl, Bill Krohne, Craig McCoy, Mark Pajakowski, Jake Meachum.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: One; Carmen Fleischauer

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Dated: June 27, 2023      Respectfully Submitted,  
By Mark Pajakowski  
Planning Commission Chairperson

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**2nd Order of Business:** The commission returned to discussions on the Keeler Township Zoning Ordinances and possible changes.

Chairman Mark Pajakowski asked if there were any other items before the commission or if there were any public comments before the commission. Upon hearing none, the commission entertained a motion by Bill Krohne to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Morin seconded, and all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Sexton  
Recording Secretary