

Alamo Township Planning Commission Meeting

Held at the Township Hall

March 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Patrick Studabaker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call of Commissioners: Chair Patrick Studabaker, Vice Chair Emily Adams, Commissioner Jason Scheffers, Commissioner Matthew Town, Commissioner Tony LoBretto were present.

Approval of February 2023 Agenda: Emily Adams Made motion to approve the February Agenda, and Commissioner Patrick Studabaker seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Approval of January 4, 2022, Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Jason Scheffers made a motion to approve the February 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Matthew Town seconded. Motion passed without opposition.

Election of Officers

- a. **Chair** – Commissioner Scheffers nominated Patrick Studabaker to serve as the Chairperson of the 2023 Planning commission. Commissioner Matthew Town Supported. Motion passed without opposition.
- b. **Vice Chair**-- Chair Patrick Studabaker nominated Emily Adams to serve at the vice chair of the 2023 planning commission. Commissioner Jason Scheffers Supported – Motion passed without opposition.
- c. **Secretary** – Chair Patrick Studabaker nominated Commissioner Jason Scheffers to serve at the secretary of the 2023 planning commission. Commissioner Tony LoBretto Supported. Motion passed without opposition.

Public Hearing- Opened at 7:03 - Special exemption use for kennel (5.4(f)) = Woelzlein (5771 W. E Ave)

- a. Woelzlein's comments – Jenny Woelzlein spoke about the development of grooming business along with breeding of Australian shepherds. They hired lawyer to help set up the business. They were under the impression that they complied with all laws, until the county notified them if they were breeding dogs that they would need a kennel license. They own all the dogs that stay on site. They are currently in compliance with Alamo Township rules.
- b. Public Comment – Friend of the Woelzliens spoke to support the Kennel and reinforced the quality of the Kennel. Public hearing - Closed at 7:15
- c. Planning commission discussion – Commissioner LoBretto drove by to look at the Kennel and said that the place was very well kept.
 - a. Chair Patrick Studabaker made motion to approve Special exception permit at 5771 W. E Ave, Kalamazoo MI 49009. Commissioner Emily Adams supported. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tony LoBretto– Yes - Commissioner Jason Scheffers Yes - Chair Patrick Studabaker Yes – Vice Chair Emily Adams – Yes Commissioner Matthew Town- yes . Motion passed without opposition.

Old Business:

- a. Land use plan. – Julie Johnson will be attending the April 4 meeting to introduce herself and the services that she provides.

New Business

Citizen Comments:

Commissioners' comments:

Meeting Adjourned: Chair Patrick Studabaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Scheffers seconded the motion at 7:21. The motion passed without opposition.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Scheffers, Secretary