

Albert Township Planning Commission Minutes  
October 23, 2024

Righi called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Righi led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners Seguin, Schrader, White and Mullins were all in attendance. Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald, Denise Cline from NEMCOG and Recording Secretary Marcotte were also present.

Approve Minutes:

Mullins made a motion to approve the August 28, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Schrader seconded the motion; all were in favor.

New Business:

Zoning Administrator, Jeff McDonald reported that publication has been made regarding a request for a Special Use Permit for a Campground. A public hearing will be held November 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m...

Old Business: Denise Cline from NEMCOG along with Supervisor Michael Szukhent, outlined that secondary to some ongoing Zoning Ordinance conflicts, it may be advisable to clean up our current Zoning Ordinances prior to proceeding with the updating of our Master Plan, this should not impact required Grant deadlines. Areas of focus that the Township may want to consider are Table of Use, additional flexibility, and situations where a Licensing Ordinance may be more manageable than a Zoning Ordinance. The attorney for Albert Township has worked with another municipality, and has thoroughly reviewed and written Zoning updates for their Ordinances. The attorney has authorized the use of any of that language by any other municipality he represents. Denise also discussed new State Legislation that takes effect at the end of November 2025. This Legislation governs the permitting of wind and solar, the Township will need to be aware of this when developing Ordinances. The Grant that Albert Township has been awarded is in the amount of \$50,000 of which approximately \$37,000 has already been budgeted. The Township could authorize some or all of the remaining balance to be allocated for reviewing and rewriting Ordinances. Seguin made a **motion** to recommend, the allocation of \$10,000.00 out of the \$50,000.00 Master Plan grant to revise Zoning Ordinances, seconded by Schrader. All were in favor.

The next Township Board meeting is November 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. and the Planning Commission will plan on meeting December 11, 2024 at 4:30 p.m...

Schrader made a motion to Adjourn at 5:45 PM. Righi declared meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Julie Marcotte  
Recording Secretary