

Albert Township Planning Commission Minutes
October 25, 2023

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Grachal, Secretary Rosso, Albert Township Board Representative Righi, Commissioners Seguin, White, and Schrader were all in attendance. Zoning Administrator McDonald and Recording Secretary Marcotte were also present.

Righi made a motion to approve the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. White seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Zoning Administrator Jeff McDonald presented a report outlining Examples of Waterfront Setback for Principal Structures and Decks, including surrounding communities, as well as a brief study from Nico Tucker – Senior Planner, NEMCOG, involving East and West Twin Lakes which provided current setback averages. Both reports were received and filed.

There was discussion regarding the practicality of Albert Township's current ordinances regarding setbacks, while acknowledging greenbelt preservation. McDonald also mentioned recent communication with the Health Department regarding our Septic System Ordinance which currently states that the system must be 4 ft. above the high-water mark. The Health Department requirement is 2 ft., it was determined that this issue will require further investigation and discussion. The Planning Commission will propose an updated setback ordinance, in addition to the current 35 ft. greenbelt area, to the Township Board for consideration and Public Hearing. In the meantime, Nico, from NEMCOG will be submitting a more detailed study and the Planning Commission will determine the final setback recommendation during the November 8, 2023 meeting.

Short Term rentals are not immediately problematic however recognition for future regulation and control was agreed to. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting.

The updated Noise Ordinance will be taken to the next Township Board Meeting on November 13, 2023 for passage and publication.

Schrader made a motion to Adjourn at 5:35 PM, seconded by White.

Williams declared meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Julie Marcotte
Recording Secretary