Sandstone Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

- Open Meeting – 6:01pm
- Roll Call – Donahue, Goodrich, Cantrell, Chrisenbery all present. Fifth member not appointed at this time.
- April Meeting Minutes Approved.
- Agenda Review and Approved.
- Public Comment – None.
- No public hearings.
- No applications to review.

Report from Township Board by Nikki Cantrell

Old Business:

Private Road Ordinance, ask the board to send to Region 2 for legal guidance? Discussion ensues regarding any need for the ordinance at all, potentially banning all private roads in the township. Also discussed the consensus view for wanting to have the flexibility to accommodate some path for development of non-compliant parcels.

Technical discussion ensues regarding safe winter grades, drainages, materials, thicknesses, MDOT standards, the original draft document, and how strict the ordinance should be.

Discussed the scope of what the Region 2 quotation might include and how it might meet our needs. Nikki agrees to call Jacob Hurt. Discussed the use of GIS to provide a count of lots / tax IDs currently on private roads in the township.

Discussed what Carlisle Wortman would have done with similar requests in the past as a point of reference, and what Region 2's role is when interacting with them as a consultant.

Motion to send to Region 2 for review, obtain best practices, and prepare a new private road ordinance offered by Cantrell and seconded by Donahue.

Minimum design standards to come back to the commission after County review.

New members to bring the board to full strength, Gary to contact Dave Cole to assess potential.

Master plan 5yrs/10yrs renewal discussed. Due date is determined to be 2028 for a potential rewrite.

New Business:

Pledge of Aleigence to be recited at the beginning of each meeting beginning in June.

LDFA report – a potential developer and a manufacturer are interested in developing the site.

Next meeting date: June 3, 6:00pm

Adjournment at 7:31pm