

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
June 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

Members Present: Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage, Bill Goodfellow, Jason Bradford, Rob Steffens, and Barb Johnson

Members Absent: None

Also attending: Attorney Clifford Bloom

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

It was motioned by Steffens to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was heard by John Bitely and Patrick Sweeney.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Explanation of Sparta Township Ballot Proposal on Sparta Township Website

After Board discussion and additional comments from audience members, Shangle made a motion to approve the Township Attorney's suggested wording for the website with these changes: to strike the word "election" and strike the word "generally" in the first paragraph and change the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph to read: "The proposed development would have 70 single-family home sites on approximately 44 acres, with the remainder to be open space and improved common areas." It was seconded by Johnson. A roll call vote was taken, Steffens-yes, Johnson-yes, Shangle-yes, Savage-yes, Goodfellow-no, Bradford-yes, Bergman-no.

Carried 5-2

2. What Board Members Can and Cannot Do In regards to the Election

Attorney Bloom stated that the Board Members can express personal opinions as long as they are clear they are not speaking for the Township, they should not use their Township title after their name.

OTHER INFORMATION

Attorney Bloom explained that no mailings from political committees can imply that they are from the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bradford and 2nd by Shangle
The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk