

**ROSE TOWNSHIP PLANNING MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 2, 2021**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 2, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 9080 Mason St., Holly, MI 48442

<b>PRESENT:</b> Michael Brooks, Chair	Mark Bolan	Glen Noble, Trustee
Theresa Lynn, Co-Chair	Maura Jung	
Darlene Stanczyk	Jim Holton	

**OTHER(S) PRESENT AND GUESTS SIGNED IN:**  
Brian Borden (Township Planner)    Dave Plewes (Zoning Administrator)  
Debbie Miller (Township Clerk)    Renee Kraft (Recording Secretary)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Brooks called a regular meeting of the Rose Township Planning Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Board Members Present: Bolan, Jung, Lynn, Holton, Noble, Stanczyk, Brooks  
Board Members Absent: None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Lynn to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Bolan.

**VOTE: YES:** Jung, Lynn, Holton, Noble, Stanczyk, Bolan, Brooks  
**NO:** None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Lynn to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Stanczyk.

**VOTE: YES:** Lynn, Holton, Noble, Stanczyk, Bolan, Jung, Brooks  
**NO:** None

**5. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: (limit comments to 3 minutes)**

None

**6. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Draft Ordinance on Oak Wilt**

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Notification as required by State law)**

None

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**10. Unfinished Business:**

**A) Oak Wilt Ordinance**

Borden discussed the Oak Wilt Control Ordinance: He made a basic draft with background, intent and purpose for regulations, how they apply, and a violation enforcement section. Also, a section for Suggested Best Practices for Private Property, but that last section might be best not as an ordinance. Suggestions on where this should be placed: landscape, zoning, create a new chapter, etc.

**Background, Intent and Purpose:** The six points might be too much, but he would rather give too much information and have the Commission remove items.

**Protective Measures and Applicability:** Discussed the three points.

**Violations** – discussed the three points.

**Suggested Best Practices for Private Property** – Not necessary to have in the ordinance if the commission wants to remove it.

Jung stated Background, Intent and Purpose is fine and should be left in. Protective Measures and Applicability should have added verbiage. Suggestions on the verbiage of #1 and #2. Suggested Best Practices for Private Property – not sure if it should be added; It is more educational.

Brooks stated – The call of action is to revise it and make a recommendation to the board for adoption of this ordinance.

Bolan questioned what happens if people ask for the wood? Suggested first hard frost rather than 50 degrees. Borden responded it will be difficult to enforce the 50 degrees. Bolan stated he thinks this is strictly educational.

Stanczyk – Questioned how many people can tell what the difference is between a red oak, pin oak, white oak, etc. Jung responded it should be for all oaks, not just red oaks. Stanczyk suggested having an educational day on this.

Jung – stated we are missing a sentence, that it should be focused on the groups coming in to trim the trees.

Plewes – Stated that they will come in every 5 years or so. Suggested having it on PEG channel, newsletters, etc. to get the information out. Try to regulate the tree companies and educate the residents. Borden responded by suggesting to send ordinance to appropriate parties.

Lynn – Is good with what is in the ordinance and Jung suggestions. Suggested correcting spelling errors.

Holton – Doesn't state who the ordinance is for. Suggested putting in something about who it is for (not residents/owners). Borden responded that public rights-of-way are not private

property and RCOC should be contacted. Easements are private property, but doesn't think the intent was for owners.

Bolan – suggested a time-frame to take the infected debris away. Plewes responded that on inspection, any having indication of oak wilt should have to be removed within 7 days.

Borden will add the responsible party to #1. He will work on the wording for Protective Measures and Applicability.

Borden – “Trees with signs of oak wilt shall not be left on sight and shall be disposed of immediately.” We need to reach out to the contractors hiring those companies cutting down the trees to make them aware of the ordinance.

Noble – many different types of easements-should consider the term temporary easement as well as permanent easement. This should be for trimming and pruning, not for logging. Needs to be the contractors/sub-contractors this ordinance is for.

Bolan – fine with the ordinance as written. Wants “Suggested...” as educational only. Prefers March 15 thru October 31.

Brooks – 1) contractor needs to identify any oak wilt in cut branches. 2) employ best practices of disposal.

Noble – Pruning only happens once every five years or so. Suggested to remove the word “logging”. Borden suggested adding the word “removal” to the list. Noble suggested adding stump removal and/or burying stump.

Changes to be made:

**Background, Intent and Purpose** – none

**Protective Measures and Applicability** – Item 1: add “permanent or temporary” in front of utility easements/corridors. Change April 1 to March 15. (no temperature). Item 2 paragraph 2: add “baring stumps” after grinding stumps. Add a time frame for removal/disposal. Item 3: Change April 1 to March 15.

**Also:** Time frames for removal/disposal; Responsibility for said treatment, whether owner, utility provider or easement holder and/or subcontractor; Trees or trimming with oak wilt to be disposed of in accordance with provisions of this new section; separating out “Suggested Best Practices for Private Property.”

Could possibly add it to “Chapter 12: Environment” Chapter 1. Or add it to the end of article #1. Or put on end as article #7.

Borden will reformat it to make it fit in.

Suggested Best practices: Do not put it in as an ordinance, keep it as educational information for the public. All in agreement.

Borden doesn't want to put this on the books for next month. Stated it doesn't need to be completed until next March.

Stanczyk-wondering how we will get the info out to the public. Suggested we do something within the Township to let people know.

**11. Tabled Items:**

None

**12: Discussion Items:**

None

**13. Announcements:**

**A. Rose Township Board Report-Glen Noble:** Supervisor talked with someone and decided to create this ordinance.

**B. Comments by Township Planner-Brian Borden:** Discussed a House bill.

**C. Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting:** January 6, 2022, 7:00pm

**D. Next Regular N.O.C.F.A. Meeting:** December 21, 2021, 3:00pm

**E. Next Regular Township Board Meeting:** December 8, 2021, 7:00pm

**F. Zoning Board of Appeals:** December 7, 2021, 7:00pm (tentative)

**14. Open the Meeting to the Public:**

Debbie Miller – Wood cutting-any lumber will be taken by public because of cost of heating your houses. Suggested a video be made and put on PEG channel.

**15. Adjournment: 9:10pm**

Motion to adjourn by Stanczyk. Seconded by Lynn. All said aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Approved/~~Corrected~~



Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II  
Rose Township Clerk