

1. Agenda

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JOINT MEETING: BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, February 1, 2021 6:00 PM
1401 W. Herbison Rd.
DeWitt, MI 48820

Per the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Emergency Order – Gatherings and Face Mask Order dated January 22, 2021, and the Open Meetings Act (OMA) 1976 PA 267, this meeting will be held virtually by phone conference. Per OMA, Board members and public may listen and participate at the phone number below.

Meeting Dial-in: (623) 600-3750, PIN: 346832

The call will be muted to reduce interference with proceedings. The public will be invited to make comments during the public comment sections of the meeting as well as before any vote. If you desire to comment, you will be invited to dial 5* so the Clerk can unmute your line. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (517) 668-0270 with any additional questions.

WORKSHOP FORMAT AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER – JOINT MEETING OF DEWITT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND PLANNING COMMISSION – 6:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING FORMAT – Adam Cramton, Clerk

INTRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE ROLL – Adam Cramton, Clerk

Board of Trustees

Rick Galardi, Supervisor
Adam Cramton, Clerk
Sandy Stump, Treasurer
Dave Fedewa, Trustee
Brian Ross, Trustee
David Seeger, Trustee
Steven Smith, Trustee

Planning Commission

Bruce Keilen, Chair
Tim Fair, Vice Chair
Mike Nolen, Secretary
Dave Fedewa, Trustee
Adam Bertram, Commissioner
Dale Dailey, Commissioner
Brett Hanlon, Commissioner
Erika Hayes, Commissioner
Abby Lorenzen, Commissioner

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

1. The Relationship Between the Planning Commission and The Board of Trustees
Rick Galardi, Township Supervisor
2. Additional Comments
Bruce Keilen, Planning Commission Chair

BOARD & COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

PUBLIC & STAFF COMMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Public Participation Policy adopted 9/11/89 provides:

***Public Comments on agenda items shall be limited to three (3) minutes.** Any citizen may address the Board regarding any agenda item at this time, or they may reserve the right to address the Board when the agenda item is discussed. Each citizen is limited to a total of 3 minutes on any one issue.

****Extended Public Comments - limited to five (5) minutes.** Any topic of Township interest can be addressed.

DeWitt Charter Township will provide to individuals with disabilities, reasonable auxiliary aids and services which are needed to fully participate in any Township meeting, providing a 72-hour notice is received by phone or in writing. Contact DeWitt Charter Township, Clerk's office, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820, or phone (517) 668-0270 to request the necessary assistance.

Board policy prohibits the use of cellular phones, pagers, and the noise emitted from the same. Please disengage ringers on cell phones and pagers, and leave the meeting room if you need to have a phone conversation.

Relationship between the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees

- **It is important for the membership of each body, the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees, to recognize their role in the planning and zoning of the Township, as well as recognizing the factors that influence decision making; ordinances, concern for residents, state and federal law.** This may sometimes put the two bodies at odds, and this is okay.
 - **Board Members, as elected officials, are representative for the residents, accountable to the voters.**
 - **Planning Commissioners are representative of the residents, free of political influence.**
- **It is important, as a member, to be prepared, and to conduct meetings efficiently, and respectfully.** There is a Township meeting policy that outlines best practices both virtually, and in person.
- **It is important to understand the role of the Trustee Representative to the Planning Commission as a two-way conduit of communication, between the Planning Commission and the Board, of the bodies' respective desires.** The Board may direct the Planning Commission to address certain issues or community needs, but cannot influence a decision making.
- **Lastly, it is important to remember that we are all serving the Residents of DeWitt Township.** Talk to your friends, neighbors, and other members of the community to gain an understanding of what motivates the people that live here. It is of vital importance to make decisions respectful of resident's expectations, and respectful of a clear future vision for residents of DeWitt Township. There are several vehicles of Township vision such as the Township's Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, Budget, etc.