

**Township of Arcadia  
Planning Commission Minutes  
October 5th, 2023  
Regular Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Roll Call:** Hopwood, Berkshire, Kluesner, Westgate, Opdyke

**Approval of Agenda:** U/C

**Approval of Minutes:** September 7, 2023, U/C

**Public Input – Non-Agenda Items:** None

**Business**

- **Update: Arcadia Bluffs “Short Course”**
  - Asbestos abatement complete, buildings removed
  - Equipment staged for tree clean up
  - A/E work pending
  - Will require special use process
- **Update: MT Diner**
  - Working on permitting and funding options
- **Discussion: County Wide ORV ordinance review**
  - Consider using Onekama as a template to construct an ordinance, requires legal oversight
  - Motion: Recommendation that the Township Board pursues development of a Township ordinance at the earliest convenience, Motion Westgate, support Berkshire, U/C
- **Next Steps: Master Plan Review and potential update.**
  - Current Master Plan was adopted in January, 2021. Next required review would be no later than 5 years, January 2026.
    - Adjacent communities have updated master plans with some census data inclusion with Beckett & Rader assistance
  - **GTRLC Acquisitions**
    - Recent and future acquisitions may require districting revisions OR “Preserve” could possibly be added as a “Permitted Use” or a “Special Use” in the AG district. Inquiring for legal opinion.
- **New Business**
  - Regional Active Transportation Plan opportunity is being planned for October 23, 4-6 pm at PVCC to outline the opportunity aligned with M-DOT TAP grant parameters
    - Discussion regarding community meeting with Parks Committee and PVCC to review placemat map and define a collaborative vision for recreation enhancement efforts.

- Planning Department personnel changes need to be discussed with County to ensure continuity of services. Hopwood to follow up.

**Public Comment:**

- Question about trails in 5-year rec plan, includes all types of non-motorized trails
- Question regarding lighting plan requirement for new projects, must be in alignment with dark sky requirements in zoning ordinance

**Adjourn:** 8:00 pm

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:** November 2nd, 2023, 7:00 p.m.