

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
April 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Taped and In-Person

The scheduled Planning Commission meeting was not held as an official meeting due to the lack of a quorum. Without the required number of members present, no official business can be conducted.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Randy Ruppel, Julie Hosang – Present;
Michael Anderson – Absent
Also present Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hosang to approve the agenda, with support from Ruppel. Ayes –2, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Hosang to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Ruppel. Ayes - 2, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – Danielle Burke discussed a workshop on May 14 hosted by the Michigan Association of Planning at NMU

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- A. Zoning Permits:
 - a. Dean Dompierre permit issued for master bedroom addition
 - b. Jesse Moraska permit issued for construction of wood shed

- B. Violation(s): Nothing New
- C. Complaints: Nothing new
- D. On-going:
 - a. Former Diorite School: Fence still up. Removal of fence to commence this spring.
 - b. Carello/Beaupied: Nothing new. More Investigation in the next months.
 - c. Slab on Brocky Lake that wasn't permitted. Still waiting on reply. Investigation in the next months.
 - d. Jerzi's: Work to continue in spring
 - e. Lazenby CO RD CJ: Nothing new. Work to continue in Spring
 - f. Twin Pines Subdivision Misc Debris Violations 2: Waiting for snow to melt to follow up on cleanup.
 - g. Harsila's Junk Yard; waiting for spring for cleanup to continue.
- E. New Developments. The old Kona lanes motel is apparently being used as a 5 unit apartment/long term rental. Will be making contact with Mr. Moore to let him know he needs to apply for a conditional use permit to come into compliance with our zoning ordinance.

Ed Young, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. *US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes*: Ruppel stated there wasn't much to report on. 2025 projects include: Carpool lot at Carp River in Marquette, M28 Paver Placed surface seal from Alger County line to US 41, US 41 Crush and Shape in Skandia, M35 Overlay from County line to Little Lake, and M95 Overlay from LLK to PLK
- B. *Master Plan/CUPPAD Updates*: Jessica Walter from CUPPAD was present at the meeting. Ms. Walter presented on the next steps for the Master Plan. The board members were given a copy of the survey as well as a rough copy of what is done so far for the master plan. Ms. Walter stated she used the census data for the housing information since the state is now requiring housing projections on Master Plans. The planning commission discussed when to launch the survey and the best way to get it out to everyone in the township. Hosang stated that we should wait until after the Easter holiday before launching. Ms. Walter will not be able to attend May's meeting.
- C. *Vacant Property Plan Update*: Ms. Andrea Daar and 6 NMU students were present for the meeting. The students gave a quick summary of each of their projects. Ms. Daar invited the planning commission to the student's final presentations at NMU on Tuesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 24. The students will also have an updated binder to give to the planning commission about their projects. The class will be having a discussion on April 29 about the next steps for the property and the next semester.
- D. *Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting Updates*: Anderson was not present at the planning commission meeting so nothing was discussed
- E. *Short Term Rental Ordinance*: There was not a sufficient quorum to make any decisions

NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Amendment to Zoning Ordinance*: Tabled-There was not a sufficient quorum to make any decisions
- B. *Adult-Use Marijuana Distributions*: Tabled-There was not a sufficient quorum to make any decisions

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BOARD COMMENTS – Julie Hosang- Hoping the new planning commission board member will be approved

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary