

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
August 10, 2020 – 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Don Magnuson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

ROLL CALL

Donald Magnuson, Arthur Gischia, Aaron Carr, Randy Ruppel – Present. Dustin Kennedy – Excused absence. Also present Fred Van Luven (Zoning Administrator), Dawn Schuhknecht (recording Secretary), Jim Fegan.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Gischia to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Planning Commission. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Schuhknecht passed along information from Supervisor Laakso regarding the Pedestrian sign on Co Rd CJ. The County Road Commission would be replacing the sign with a Children at Play sign at a cost of \$25.00 to Ely Township.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Magnuson recommended Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Gischia, supported by Carr to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes –4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Corridor Committee: There was no meeting due to COVID. Electronic meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month starting in August 11, 2020. Mr. Gischia volunteered to attend.

- B. Recreation Plan: Discussion regarding the new fence at Gold Mine Lake Park and making fall protection a priority. Mr. Gischia would like us to look into seeing if grant money through DNR can be obtained for mulch, even the possibility of match money. The board would like to take one park at a time to replace and improve equipment. Basketball nets will be considered as well for replacement. Talks regarding getting CUPPAD involved were discussed. The board would also like more input from the public regarding the parks. Parks were put in order of priority for mulch as 2021: CN, 2022: Twin Pines Park, 2023: Kinnunen Subdivision, 2024: Clarksburg, 2025: CD. A motion was made by Mr. Gischia – [For the 5 year Rec Plan starting in 2021 through 2025 that we incorporate improvements to the pocket parks which would include the fall protection under existing equipment and any replacement equipment which we will evaluate on an annual basis and recommend to the board following this structure but recommending equipment replacement as needed.](#) Motion supported by Mr. Ruppel. Motion passes Ayes – 4, Nays – 0.

- C. Fowl Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Van Luven presented a letter and ordinance that was received from Attorney Heikkila that was drafted as a police ordinance vs a zoning ordinance. The board agreed to forward the information to Ely Township's new attorney Roger Zappa for his review.

- D. Master Plan- Mr. Gischia and Chairman Magnuson passed their Master Plan books along Mr. Carr and Mr. Ruppel so they could take them home to copy the noted proposed changes to the current plan that they suggested. The board will continue with the review of the Master Plan when all members have their copies edited with proposed changes.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Van Luven submitted his monthly report in which he made recommendations on the Fowl Ordinance and the Township Rec Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fegan said he liked the direction of the fowl ordinance so far.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Carr to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Schuhknecht, Recording Secretary