

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
August 9, 2021 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Donald Magnuson, Arthur Gischia, Aaron Carr, Dustin Kennedy – Present. Randy Ruppel – Absent, excused. Also, present Fred VanLuven, Zoning Administrator and Erin Stratton, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Carr to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Stratton presented a letter written to property owner Jeff Junak by VanLuven in regards to the approval of Junak creating and maintaining a road on his camp property.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gischia made a motion to approve with two changes. Under New Business change the words Board Request to Supervisor's Request. Support by Carr to approve the agenda with changes. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Solar Panel Ordinance - No additions or changes were necessary to the Ordinance before the Public Hearing next month.

B. Corridor minutes were reviewed. Magnuson stated he would be unavailable for the next meeting on August 10, and Gischia offered to attend via phone.

C. Gischia presented condensed version of the CUPPAD survey results to the Commission. He mentioned that the Recreation Plan is a necessity whether it contains a combination of affordability or wish list. After review, Carr pointed out that handicap accessibility should be a top priority for all parks. VanLuven gave examples of what Tilden Township did at their parks to be compliant.

The survey also reported some changes to Diorite Park, which Carr stated should be on priority list as they involved ADA standards. The discussion moved to the item in new business in regards to picnic tables, as new ones could include those that are wheelchair accessible. Magnuson was concerned with durability and security, so it was discussed about chaining and concrete being necessary. He also mentioned the safety of the Merry-go-rounds, and it was discussed they should be removed from parks. Carr stated that lighting and extended hours, which were survey comments, were unnecessary. He then started a discussion on the 40 acres in Greenwood near the American Legion being a walking/skiing area, and Kennedy brought up the possibility of disc golf. They will work together on a map and plan for that area.

Gischia inquired about the condition of the Clarksburg ball field, and it was discovered that no infield dirt was put in this year. Carr stated that should be on a yearly schedule. Gischia inquired what the fees were for the leagues who use it, and wanted verification that the fees were consistent.

The proposed order of the priorities was decided as: Handicap accessibility at all parks; picnic tables to be on a yearly schedule of replacing with the worst relaced first; one new piece of equipment at each park yearly, rather than working on just one park each year; snowshoe/ski trail with disc golf at 40-acre parcel; and to have the infield done at Clarksburg field.

NEW BUSINESS

A. & B. Board requested discussion on picnic tables and Clarksburg Park- It was decided all was all discussed under Old Business.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

VanLuven's report was all discussed under Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Magnuson to adjourn, seconded by Kennedy. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Stratton, Recording Secretary