

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
February 13, 2023 - 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Aaron Carr, Steve Bertucci Jr., and Dustin Kennedy - Present. Randy Ruppel - Absent. Also present Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary and Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Carr to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Bertucci Jr. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carr made a motion to approve, with support from Bertucci Jr. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan discussion - Plan was discussed during work session before meeting. Continue to work on survey questions.
- B. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed. Aaron will try to attend the February meeting as Randy is out of town.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers – Motion made by Carr to keep Dustin Kennedy as Chairperson & Randy Ruppel as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Bertucci Jr. Carr nominated Steve Bertucci Jr. for the Secretary position. Bertucci Jr. accepted.

2023 Officers for the Ely Township Planning Commission:

Chairperson: Dustin Kennedy

Vice-Chairperson: Randy Ruppel

Secretary: Steve Bertucci Jr.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

No zoning permits.

New building discovered on Ron McCarty property at 8670 Co Rd CD and he did not apply for a Zoning Compliance Permit. Was sent a letter on February 8th. Appears to be a prefab cabin of sorts, similar to the ones Kenneth Quinnell Jr. is selling. Upon speaking with McCarty, he was asked to make cabin move-in ready by Ken Quinnell Jr. who was then going to deliver it to someone in another county. McCarty is not a licensed contractor in Michigan and has said he will ask Quinnell Jr. to get it off of his property.

Ongoing:

- A. Court date for the Diorite School on March 23rd. Can only address concerns in relation to citations that were issued. Supervisor Laakso and ZA Bertucci will be in attendance. Any planning commission member is invited to speak regarding the solar panel issue.
- B. Jamie Carello quit claimed two of his properties to his son, Mason Beaupied. These properties have the bulk of the vehicles. Mason has come into the Hall to get a copy of Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance. Currently, Carello is in the Marquette County Jail. ZA Bertucci has an adjoining property, Supervisor Laakso will send letter informing Mason of next steps.
- C. The sale of Jerzi's was complete on February 7th. Continuation of Conditional Use Hearing will be on April 10th as Carr will not be present for March meeting.

Complaints:

- A. Continuing Diorite School

Two variances will be brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals in April.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm by Chair Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary