

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
February 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ruppel called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Michael Anderson, Randy Ruppel, John Jessen, Julie Hosang – Present; Ken Hill – Absent
Also present Ed Young, Zoning Administrator, Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Anderson to approve the agenda, with support from Jessen. Ayes –4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Hosang to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes - 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- A. Nothing new. Introduced new Zoning Administrator, Ed Young. Ruppel read Zoning Administrator notes for this month.
Ed Young, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. *US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes*: Ruppel stated there wasn't much to report on. City of Negaunee is asking for letters of support for a round-about at the intersection of Croix St/Lakeshore Avenue & US41/M28 intersection.

- 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. Ms. Walter recommended that the board pass a resolution for legality. She provided handouts and materials that do go over the next steps and what to expect. The board discussed on having work sessions that would be open to the public. Ms. Walter also stated that she can draft a survey for Ely Township residents but ultimately the PC board would need to approve it. Ms. Walter plans on coming back for next months' meeting and any future meetings.
- C. *Vacant Property Plan Update:* Ms. Andrea Daar and three Northern Michigan University students attended this months' meeting. They brought their completed binder with all of the student's ideas and presentations for the board to keep. Each student discussed their role in the project and what the next steps are. The board will review the electronic copy of the binder that Recording Secretary will send to them on Tuesday, February 11. There are some students who will be attending future meetings. Ms. Daar stated that this semesters students are a different bunch but she has a teaching assistant who was in class the previous semester who will help current students with navigating their portion of the project. By the end of the semester, the PC will receive a more "refined" binder after the board gives the students their thoughts and ideas about their presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Iron Ore Heritage Trail Meeting Updates:* Anderson attended the IOHT meeting on January 22, 2025. He is unable to attend the February and March IOHT due to travelling for work but will review those months' minutes when he receives them and give an overview at the meetings.

The IOHT committee is looking to expand the IOHT into Lakanenland. The permit has been approved and made a motion to start getting some bids. The IOHT engineer is looking at the cost difference between the trail being 10 feet and 12 feet. 12 feet would ultimately be on the more expensive side than 10 feet, but 12 feet would keep the trail a uniform size.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

BOARD COMMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary