

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
January 11, 2021 - 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Kennedy to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Planning Commission. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Schuhknecht reported the contract from CUPPAD was sent from Dotty LaJoye and emailed to board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Magnuson added under New Business to discuss CUPPAD contract.

Chairperson Magnuson recommended Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Gischia, supported by Carr to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

SAIL report was discussed. The report states that the restrooms in the Ely Township Hall do not meet ADA standards. Gischia suggested the possibility of one unisex restroom. The board felt they should put that as the first priority before addressing any park issues.

A motion was made by Carr and supported Ruppel to recommend to the Board that the ADA compliance for the Township Hall restroom be addressed and quotes be obtained for work. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

Quote from CUPPAD for producing Rec Plan and Master Plan were discussed. Gischia expressed the importance of a good Master Plan is required to move the Township forward with grants and potential new businesses. Magnuson wanted to know if the new Rec Plan would be needed for grant applications for mulch and asked if previous Clerk had done any grant work for mulch. Secretary Schuhknecht said nothing was being done on a mulch grant.

Motion by Carr to recommend to the Board that the township move forward with the CUPPAD contract for the Rec Plan at a cost of \$3500.00 with a \$600.00 deduction for 10 hours of complimentary membership hours with the stipulation that an editable document is provided to the township, Kennedy supported. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

US 41 Corridor Meeting November 10, 2020 attended (by phone) by Ruppel. Ruppel reported the DDA is looking into a grant for a non-motorized pathway along US 41 in Mqt Twp. Mqt Cty is working on their Master Plan and hazard mitigation plan. Carp River bridgework is completed and bridge is open. No December meeting occurred.

Gischia will be attending by phone the January 12, 2020 US 41 Corridor meeting.

Animal and Livestock Ordinance was discussed and changes were agreed upon. A revised Ordinance proposal will be forwarded to Board.

Motion by Ruppel to send revised Animal and Livestock Ordinance to Board for consideration, supported by Kennedy. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

It was determined that no discussion was needed on Ely property.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers will take place after Supervisor appoints members to the PC Board at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion by Gischia was made to elect officer's contingent on Board approval of appointments, supported by Carr. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

Gishia nominated Magnuson as Planning Commission Chairperson, Ruppel as Vice Chairperson, Kennedy as Secretary, supported by Ruppel. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Items in Zoning Administrator report were addressed during meeting; SAIL report on Ely restroom and Animal Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Schuhknecht asked board if based on Planning Commission By Laws if she should be charging the Planning Commission time for doing the communications or if that is the PC Boards Secretary's responsibility. Schuhknecht also asked what copy of the minutes she should provide to the Board as indicated in the By Laws. No determination was decided on time. Board would like previous month's draft sent to Board.

Magnuson commented that he will be missing the February and April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Roll Call Vote Magnuson- aye, Gischia – aye, Kennedy – aye, Ruppel – aye, Carr – aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Schuhknecht, Recording Secretary