

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
January 8, 2024 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Aaron Carr, Mike Anderson, and Randy Ruppel – Present. Steve Bertucci Jr. and Cheryl Grove – Absent/Excused. 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 December 11, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes - 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 2. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was read from the Dickinson County Planning Commission on their notice of intent to prepare a Master Plan. Correspondence was also read from Supervisor Laakso regarding the Marquette County Road Commission Roads updates from the Planning Commission's recommendations. Questions and Concerns submitted by Lance Kennedy were read regarding the possible joining of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail in the future. These questions will be kept on file for consideration as the plan to join progresses.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Anderson made a motion to approve, with support from Carr Ayes – 3, Nays - 0, Absent - 2. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan was discussed at the work session before the meeting. Public Hearing will be held at the next meeting in February.
- B. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers – A decision was made to table this until all members are present.
- B. By-Law Review – All suggested edits will be made and revised draft will be approved at the next meeting. All future Planning Commission meetings will now be at 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm, and will still be the second Monday of each month.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

All new approved zoning permits were discussed.

Ongoing:

- A. Slawski/Former Diorite School: Still waiting on decision from Judge Kangas. Complaint received from an adjoining parcel on continued use and noise on property, also included photos of possible dumping of garbage at area where clubhouse/shed was erected. Unknown if Mr. Slawski is aware of any activity and waiting for attorney to advise. Civil issues and complaints must be reported to the Sheriff's Office.
- B. Carello/Beaupied: Supervisor Laakso has asked to be only contact on this property as ZA Bertucci is a neighboring property. Waiting to hear from Attorney Zappa on updates.
- C. Jerzi's: Did not hear from Board on any additional action to take. Mr. Niemi was emailed about the concerns from the neighbors, most of the complaints are civil in nature and were instructed to contact the Sheriff for any of these complaints in the future.

Possible Public Hearing in February for a property that had been discovered by the county to have buildings erected with no permits on file. A letter will be sent to the property owner explaining the discovery and next steps to take.

Will be taking a class on New Solar Information – Renewable Energy Siting on January 17th.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lance Kennedy would like to thank the Planning Commission for their help clarifying their intentions of possibly joining the Iron Ore Heritage Trail and expressed that he feels they are doing a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary