

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
January 13, 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 – Present; Julie Hosang, and Ken Hill – Absent
Also present Jeremy Laakso, Supervisor/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 –3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Jessen to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Anderson. Ayes - 3, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE – Office Manager Burke summarized a letter from CUPPAD for “NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE DICKINSON COUNTY MASTER PLAN”.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

All new **approved** zoning permits were discussed.

A. *Sullivan: Tasson Road*—shed erection on property

Violations/Complaints: Nothing new

On-going: Still working with attorney on some of the properties listed below:

- A. *Slawski/Old Diorite School*: Fence is still up. Our attorney was going to attempt to contact the owner but haven't heard anything back
- B. *Carello/Beaupied*
- C. *444 CKK, Champion*: Found property owners new address and sent a letter to that address. Letter was accepted but haven't heard anything back
- D. *Slab on Brocky Lake*
- E. *Jerzi's*: No response from the letter that was sent
- F. *Co Rd. CJ*: Sent a letter to owners about structure being 1 foot from property line. No response yet
- G. *Quinnell Property*: Had a meeting with Quinnell's to go through all the "what ifs". They have ceased all operations. Supervisor Laakso wants to help them in creating a recreation area out on their property

Communicated with Jim Nankervis, Ishpeming Township Supervisor, about being a hearing officer for the properties still in violation and investigating from the road. Has to work out some numbers regarding pay rate.

Hired Ed Young as our new Zoning Administrator. Mr. Young will be going to a Zoning Administrator Certification program. Supervisor Laakso will be updating Mr. Young on the properties in violation

Had a brief discussion on Harsila's junk yard. Supervisor Laakso will follow up

Jeremy Laakso, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Master Plan/CUPPAD Updates*: Office Manager Burke sent in half of the CUPPAD/Master Plan payment. Jessica from CUPPAD will attend the February meeting to go through the next steps of the Master Plan.
- B. *Andrea Daar/NMU Students presentations and vacant property*: Did not attend. Supervisor Laasko commented that there is currently no legal road access to the property

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BOARD COMMENTS – Anderson: will be attending Iron Ore Heritage Trail meetings as public until appointment to that board in April 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Burke, Recording Secretary