

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
July 11, 2022 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Randy Ruppel, Steven Bertucci Jr. and Aaron Carr and Dustin Kennedy - Present. Also, present Dawn Schuhknecht, 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 Ruppel to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Carr. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 0. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carr made a motion to approve, with support from Ruppel. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0, Absent - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

- A. DNR grant discussion- Still concerned about benefit as Ely does not belong to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Network. Carr mentioned SPARK Grant and what it could be used for (gazebo, parking, handicap access, bathrooms). Written grant needed to apply, possible outsourcing discussed. Carr expressed interest in writing but unable to do so until after

2022. Kennedy expressed concern of possible millage as location is not convenient for all Ely Township residents. Will continue to consider SPARK Grant.

- B. Three picnic tables were decided on and approved for purchase, will be ordered. Carr mentioned gravel cost of \$350 per load.
- C. The corridor meeting minutes were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Bertucci stated she has reached out to Attorney Zappa and is waiting for advisement. Per Zoning ordinance, sales are allowed, and delivery to others is not an issue. Attorney Zappa advised Ely Township to stay out of any issues between neighbors and Firewood sales. Attorney Zappa will continue to review zoning ordinance to verify home delivery.

Bertucci reported despite letter sent to Quinnell Mineral Extraction on June 6th to stop all activity without proper permits, trucks began to haul on July 8 & 9th. DNR & EGLE notified July 8th. DNR Officer confirmed with site visit, "massive" sand pit on Quinnell property. It is right on the property line but does not encroach on state property, nor in wetland. Waiting on Attorney Zappa for penalty fines. Also waiting on EGLE before any action. Concern for erosion and where it will end up. Also concern for the trucks driving on new road that is being planned for. Waiting on Attorney Zappa until further action taken.

Second complaint on Doug LeBeau property. Drafted letter. Updated Miscellaneous Debris Ordinance not in effect, will follow current.

Bertucci discussed weekly office hours on Thursday afternoons. Also have Assessor hours as mentoring with Susan Bovan continues thru end of year. Available by cell and email daily, returning calls within 24 hours. Will work on organizing files and start digitizing Master Plan. Mineral Extraction letters mailed July 1st. Taking solar classes thru MSU Extension. Available Planning class CUPPAD.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Schuhknecht, Recording Secretary