

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
July 9, 2024 - 6:00pm
Meeting Taped and In-Person

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Cheryl Grove, Steve Bertucci Jr., Michael Anderson, Alan Harris, and Randy Ruppel – Present. Also present Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary, and Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bertucci Jr. to approve the agenda, with support from Grove. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Anderson to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Harris Ayes - 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

All new approved zoning permits were discussed.

Violation:

-Shed/Roof at Co Rd CH, Ishpeming. Supervisor Laakso met with property owner and a permit was applied for and approved.

On-going:

-Slawski/Old Diorite School: Supervisor Laakso is sending a report to Attorney Zappa regarding property owner requirements for fixing the fence at the property.

- Carello/Beaupied: Cleanup appears to continue while Mr. Carello is incarcerated. Attorney Zappa attended the hearing and stated that property could not be cleaned if Carello was not available.
- Warlin/Chipman: Ms. Chipman now claims that goats on property are Emotional Support Animals. Supervisor Laakso sent letter to her and property owner requesting official documentation of ESA with a deadline.

Al & Sal's Towing (Al Carne, Ely Township Resident) now has license to pick up vehicles without a title. They continue to assist with the Harsila's cleanup. Al Carne has stated that he is willing to help anyone or property that needs to get their yard cleaned up.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed.
- B. Master Plan Discussion – Public Hearing that was decided for the July meeting was put on hold due to unforeseen circumstances. Decision was made to hold the Public Hearing for Master Plan Review at the August 12th meeting. Public Hearing notice will need to be published 15 days prior to the meeting. After the Public Hearing is held, Master Plan will be forwarded to Township Attorney for review.
- C. Iron Ore Heritage Trail on Ballot – The Township Board decided at the June meeting to move forward with placing the IOTH on the ballot in the upcoming election. The PC had previously asked the Board to submit a letter of interest to the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority based on the Trail Administrator's recommendations to get more information out to Ely Residents prior to placing on ballot, but this was not done. A representative was at the June Board Meeting and presented information, where the decision was made to place IOHT on the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Paving for Marquette County Road Commission – Discussion was had regarding road recommendations for 2025 chip sealing bids. Decided to recommend streets in Diorite and Perch Lake Road based on previous recommendations by the MCRC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leah Dompierre would like to thank Zoning Administrator Bertucci for all of her hard work for the Township. She will be greatly missed as she has officially resigned as of the end of July.

BOARD COMMENTS

Al Harris stated in regards to the Old Diorite School, Andrew Slawski sent the Board a picture of a fence (not his own) stating that he plans to replace part of the existing fence on his property, but did not present an actual plan or timeline of doing so. Therefore, the Board denied his request. Al also mentioned that the Borad requested that a plan for placing something around the solar panels at the hall be put on next month's PC agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary