

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
June 11, 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 Anderson to approve the agenda, with support from Bertucci Jr. Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion made by Grove. to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Bertucci Jr. 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 4 Co Rd CH, inquiry letter sent 5-13-24 with no response. Photos of property taken today, metal shed appears close to property line. Second warning letter will be sent.
- 444 Co Rd CKK, Dangerous building from house fire over winter. Township Board will be holding a hearing for this violation.

On-going:

-Slawski/Old Diorite School: Ongoing activity including door opened, electricity, and continued debris, along with reports of people potentially sleeping in campers on property. Attorney Zappa sent correspondence to notify Mr. Slawski of trespassers. Mr. Slawski is required to remove solar panels, has not done so yet. Continuing to wait on the circuit court to close their case with Mr. Slawski on unpaid fees before issuing new violations.

-Carello/Beaupied: Recently met with Mr. Carello on creating a site plan for cleaning up his remaining parcel as the two owned by his son (Mr. Beaupied) are being organized and cleaned and going well. Mr. Carello stated that any furniture, etc. is all from cleanup that he does at Black River Falls area. The court had issued a warrant for Mr. Carello due to past debris tickets and violations, he was incarcerated soon after meeting. Will try to meet and create a draft plan once he is released. Photos taken today of new debris on Beaupied property, appeared to be mostly wood products.

-Warlin/Chipman: Ms. Chipman erected a fence on property with some black netting on it, photos taken today. She is still in violation for having goats (livestock) on property per our ordinance. Reports of deceased chickens found in trashcan at Diorite Park. Concerns of animal welfare were conveyed to UPAWS, they stated they cannot enforce anything but can assist with rehoming goats if needed. Second violation letter will be sent and citation direction from attorney will be inquired on.

-Jerzi's: Mr. Niemi has completed fencing on east side, as far as the US 41 right-of-way allows. Neighbor on west side of property asked that no fencing be put up as it would be too close to their home per property lines. Marquette County Road Commission is now allowing deliveries to be made via Co Rd CNA-W, no fencing will be placed where access is on south side of building. Mr. Niemi stated he will speak to property owners along that area on preference of fencing.

Continuing Master Citizen Planner series.

Erin Bertucci, Zoning Administrator

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The US-41 Corridor Meeting Minutes were discussed.
- B. Master Plan Discussion – ZA Bertucci made a proposed addition to the Master Plan to address housing needs as a Bill is being introduced requiring so. Proposed addition will be put under “Housing” section of Article 3. ZA Bertucci will review Master Plan to make sure all sections have been updated, will report back if Public Hearing will still be done during July 8th meeting as planned. All additions and revisions will be summarized for hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Replacement Member – Alan Harris has been selected to replace Aaron Carr for the open seat on the Township Board and the Planning Commission until the election in November. Al is currently the Township Water Operator and has extensive knowledge on the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BOARD COMMENTS

Cheryl Grove inquired about progress on Harsila's property. ZA Bertucci stated that the property appears to be getting cleaned up.

Al Harris would like to reiterate that EGLE recently visited the old Diorite School but did not do any soil testing regarding last year's fuel leak on property. EGLE said they are waiting to move forward until they get in contact with Mr. Slawski.

Steve Bertucci Jr. questioned the access road for deliveries at Jerzi's being allowed by the MCRC now. The reasoning is that there is no longer room for delivery trucks to drive behind the building now that the addition has been placed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Chair Ruppel.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Dompierre, Recording Secretary