

ELY TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission
March 8, 2021 – 6:30pm
Meeting Taped/Zoom Meeting and In-person

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Don Magnuson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Donald Magnuson, Arthur Gischia, Randy Ruppel, Aaron Carr – Present. Dustin Kennedy had an excused absence. Also, present Fred VanLuven (Zoning Administrator), Dawn Schuhknecht (recording Secretary).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was in order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Carr to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Planning Commission. Ayes - 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Schuhknecht reported the contract from CUPPAD for the Rec Plan was approved by the Ely Board, signed, and sent to Dotty LaJoye.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Magnuson recommended Approval of the Agenda. Motion by Ruppel, supported by Carr to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes - 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

CUPPAD update (see Communications/Correspondence)

US 41 Corridor Meeting February 16, 2021 attended (by phone) by Ruppel. Ruppel reported the updates with the Taco Bell in Ishpeming and the closure of the drive by Applebee's.

Ruppel will attend the March 9, 2021 US 41 Corridor meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The PC agreed to recommend to the Ely Board that the order of importance for the grant provided mulch for the parks be placed at 1. Clarksburg 2. Kielinen Pocket Park 3. The Park on CD. A motion was made by Carr, supported by Ruppel to above list of parks. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

After some discussion the PC will be doing individual research on the pros and cons of changing the current marijuana ordinance and discussing findings at the next meeting.

The PC feels the Planning Commission – by - Laws are good and no changes are required at this time.

A discussion regarding the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance document led to a motion by Carr, supported by Gischia to pursue a grant to use towards the purchase of a generator with Gischia to file a Notice of Intent. 4 – Ayes 0 – Nays. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Zoning Administrator suggested a Solar Panel Ordinance and incorporating it into a public hearing to save money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gischia commented on the abandonment of some roads in Ely Township. He will bring this information to the Ely Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruppel, supported by Carr to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. 4 – Ayes 0 - Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Schuhknecht, Recording Secretary